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AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR DAN VIENS is playing the role of the school's new mascot, Mawaga. The 17 year-old said he now attends as many home games at Agawam High as he possibly can. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Agawam High's Dan Viens Feels New Mascot Enhancing School Spirit

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

They are cute, cuddly, and for the most part, likable. They might be a chicken, a purple panther, a patriot, or even an Indian. But does anyone (other than family or friends) really know the man, or woman, stuck inside the suit?

We went out to discover who was in there. We talked to the Agawam High School mascot, whose name is Agawam in reverse - **Mawaga**. His real name is **Dan Viens**. He's a 17 year-old senior and a skier on the Brownie ski team. He added something when talking about the mascot's name. "It is a tactful thing. No other name was considered."

The first question we asked him was the most obvious - how do you get a job like that?

He laughed, "I first saw the opportunity to do it at the 1995 rally for the Thanksgiving Day football game."

"The person most responsible for me getting the job was Joann McGeoghan (the mother of Agawam basketball, football, and track star Phil)," Dan added.

Agawam has never had a mascot for its games, in any sport. "I go to as many home games as I can make," Dan said.

How does it really go? Dan laughed, "First, the uniform isn't very heavy. It's only about nine pounds. But it is really hot. And I sweat a lot. I see

my way around out of the nose. I have no peripheral vision, so I tend to bump into things. That's why I stay so close to the cheerleaders."

### Only For The Brave

What is the life of a mascot like? The visiting fans harass me," he admitted. "But our home fans are great. They like me." Then he added, "If you are going to do a job like this, you can't have a thin skin or be afraid."

What did he mean by afraid? "Have you ever seen me at the top of the pyramid the cheerleaders form every now and then?" he asked.

"The cheerleaders are very strong and very agile," Dan said. "I have no problem being 10 feet off the floor. I know they won't drop me. We put on a show," he continued. "The Cathedral mascot (the Purple Panther) told me that Agawam has the best fans he's ever seen."

Dan has some big plans for the future. He has applied to UMass, UVM, and NYU. "One of the mascot jobs at the University of Massachusetts is open," he says. "They have three people who do it - two guys and a girl. They go to every game, home and on the road. One of them is a senior. They'll hold tryouts to replace him. I feel I'm good enough to get the open position."

## School Board Plans Meeting On Audit

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The School Committee will hold a workshop session to discuss the findings of a review of the School Department's spending policies on Tuesday, February 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's office.

At the suggestion of School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson, the review was conducted by KPMG Peat Marwick after it was discovered that a portion of the supplemental appropriation approved by the Town Council had been used to purchase a credit with a local school supply company.

Last spring, the council approved an additional \$200,000 to bail the School Department out of a projected budget shortfall and to purchase necessary supplies to finish out the school year. But the supplies were not ordered until the beginning of the 1995-96 school year.

Among other things, the audit recommends that invoices should be submitted to the town accountant for payment (only after goods and services have been delivered).

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## Building Tax Base Vital To Town's Future: Johnson

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

In his seventh State of the City address, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the town is at a crossroads. Agawam must choose between expanding the tax base through increased industrial development or increasing residential taxes, raising fees, and creating new fees to avoid reducing the level of town services, was a major theme of his televised address on Monday night (Cable Channel 5).

With residential development increasing in the southwest section of town as a result of the expansion of Route 57, and the continued gradual turnover of existing housing from senior citizens to young families with children, the town is beginning to feel a strain on the ability to provide quality services in town government and the school system, Johnson said.

"We cannot simply ignore the growing demand and hope that we will have sufficient funding in the future. If the town continues to grow residentially without corresponding industrial/commercial growth, it will be forced to increase residential taxes, raise existing fees, and implement new fees to avoid reducing the level of services we now provide," Johnson said.

Johnson said the town is in good shape financially and likened the town's positive bond rating to his administration's financial management, long-range financial planning, and conservative budgetary practices.

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**STATE OF AGAWAM - from Page 1..**

Two separate bond rating reviews noted the town's improved effort toward industrial economic development and aggressive capitol improvement plan. Both reviews noted the need for improvement in strengthening the real estate tax base and in improving the local and regional job base through the attraction of quality industrial development.

Over the last two years, he said, the town has been successful in attracting nine new industries to the Agawam Regional Industrial Park. But, the outlook for continued industrial development is not as bright as it could be because of the "antics and behavior" of a small group of opponents to the Berkshire Power project and the public officials who "follow their lead," Johnson said.

Johnson said the town has only one prospect for industrial development this year, down from six prospects last year (because businesses do not want "to go through what these people will put them through").

Johnson said he continues to support the power plant project, believing it will be a positive addition to the community.

**"... Disappointed By Behavior And Antics ..."**

"I am disappointed by the behavior and antics displayed by opponents of the project. I am disappointed by the name-calling, ridiculing, and character assassination," Johnson said. "People and public officials should be free to express their opinions without being subjected to ridicule, false accusations, and having their professionalism and ethics called into question."

Speaking on behalf of the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam, power plant opponent Kenneth Forni took strong exception to Johnson's remarks.

Forni said he had been watching the address over the cable access channel and felt compelled to go to the Middle School to refute Johnson's statements.

Forni said his group was not against industrial development. "We love the industrial park," Forni said. "When did you ever see me (complain) until they tried to go against our zoning laws and exceed the 40-foot height limit (for the plant's smokestack)?"

Forni said the power plant can't be built under Agawam's zoning code, and the Mayor should uphold the Zoning Board of Appeals' denial of a special permit.

"Three weeks ago, he (Johnson) held up his right hand and swore to uphold the laws of our town," Forni said.

"On a more positive note," Johnson said 1995 saw the opening of Phase I of the Route 57 expansion and the completion of improvements on South Westfield Street, including new sidewalks and the addition of traffic lights on Shoemaker Lane.

Traffic lights are slated for the intersection of South Street, Suffield Street, and Shoemaker Lane, along with the reconstruction of School Street and the DPW's regular road resurfacing program, Johnson said.

Johnson said the announced retirement of School Superintendent Bernard F. Ryder was "sad news" for a school system which has improved under his guidance.

This month, the School Committee will launch a nationwide search for a new superintendent. Hopefully, the School Department will be included in the 1996 round of state construction funds for the additions and renovations planned for the elementary schools and the High School, he noted.

Noting that education has come under attack in recent months by people trying to assess the success or failure of the system and to assign blame, Johnson said, "I can honestly say that our schools need help. They need help in managing the change being mandated by education reform; they need help in coping with the changing role they are playing in the social development of our children; they need help and support to provide top quality education."

Johnson called for a "grassroots community commitment to make our schools better." Johnson said he envisioned civic and business groups adopting departments at the High School by investing time as well as money.

"We must raise the expectations of our children and challenge them to set high goals for their future. Every facet of our community—parents, grandparents, residents, businesses, and civic groups—must all step forward and say we care about education in Agawam and we are willing to become involved to make it better."

Johnson also highlighted gains in the Police and Fire Departments, as well as in Human Services, Planning and Inspection, Public Works, and Administration and Finance.

Johnson said his greatest concern for the future of the community is that good people need to get involved to keep the community moving forward.

"We cannot afford to have the good people sitting at home saying, 'I would never consider becoming involved,' because if they do all the progress that has been made will disappear," Johnson said.

**SCHOOL AUDIT - from Page 1...**

After completing their review of School Department budget practices, Peat Marwick concludes that policies and procedures are in place to control expenditures and to identify budget problems, but the policies are not consistently followed. Peat Marwick recommends a review of the spending policies by the School Committee and the incorporation of their recommendations in strengthening controls over School Department spending.

Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder said the audit contains a number of errors. Ryder disputed the finding indicating that the School Department is not in compliance with the state law requiring School Committee approval in advance of budget transfers.

Ryder said the study is incorrect in suggesting that the number of special education students who will be enrolled in September is known to the School Department by July 1st. Therefore, cost overruns could be avoided by amending the School Department budget before the tax rate is set in the fall.

Ryder said it is impossible to know how many students, regular or special education, will be enrolled on the first day of school or how many will move into town during the year.

**Transfers Without School Committee Approval**  
Also, when the School Committee gave its final approval to the 1995-96 School Budget in August, a resolution was also approved giving the School Department the authority to make transfers of up to \$3,000 without prior approval of the School Committee, Ryder said.

Furthermore, Ryder said, "The School Committee did not adopt a line item budget, although they believe they did."

Ryder said the School Committee approved the bottom line number, not the 30 individual cost centers, after the School Budget was approved by Town Council and the Mayor. Tentative approval had been given to the line items before the budget was sent to the council, but not after, Ryder said.

Ryder said he was calling for a workshop for the School Committee to discuss the policies and procedures to be followed by the central office.

"If they want us to bring each cost center transfer to them, we're very desirous of doing that," Ryder said. "We should have a workshop to resolve what they feel are differences in the accounting and budgeting practices. We want them to tell us what they want the office to do or not do."

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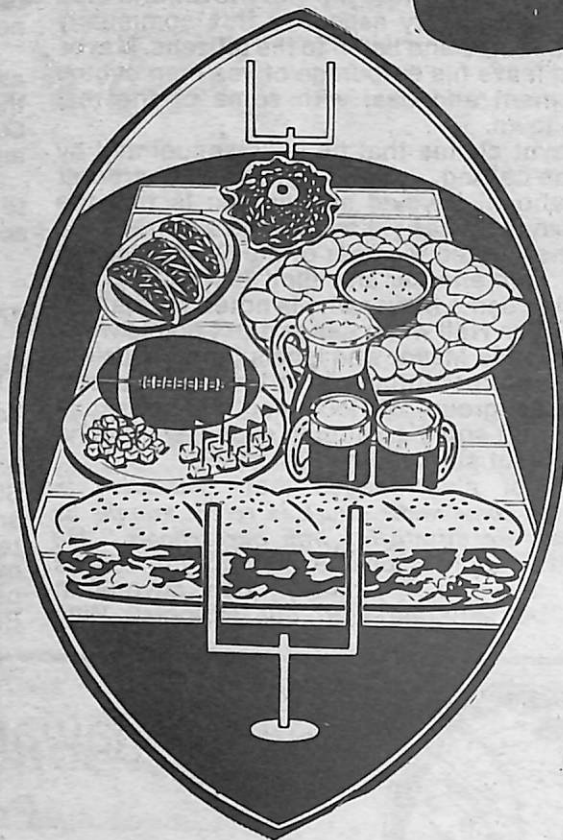
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## Guest Editorial...

## Help Yourself To A Happy Vacation

by the Agawam Junior Women's Club

With this amount of snow, many people's thoughts turn to vacationing. Will it be the slopes of Colorado? Or the warm climate of the Caribbean?

Whatever a vacationer's preference is, the following guidelines provided by the Massachusetts Crime Watch Association should be followed to ensure a safe and enjoyable vacation. A FEW DAYS BEFORE YOU LEAVE...

- Notify the post office to hold your mail or arrange with a neighbor to pick up and hold your mail.
- Notify the newscarrier to discontinue delivery.
- Make arrangements to have your walk shoveled and your driveway cleared.
- Arrange with a neighbor or relative to watch your home and give them a key.
- Notify your local police department about your departure.
- Check possible fire hazards such as oily rags, open containers of combustibles, and questionable wiring.
- Make sure any broken windows, door locks, or window locks are repaired.
- Move all ladders, tools, garbage cans, and yard furniture to your garage, basement, or

storage shed.

- Remove name sign from your home.
- If you have valuables in the house, take them to your bank for storage in a safe deposit vault.
- Make sure important bills are paid.
- Purchase Travelers Checks. They are safer than carrying large amounts of cash.
- Make a list of things to take and plan to pack them.
- If driving, have your car thoroughly serviced. Check the tires for sufficient air. Take an extra set of keys.

ON THE DAY YOU LEAVE...

- Ask your neighbors not to inform inquiring strangers that you are away.
- Unplug all major electrical appliances such as television sets, washers, etc., to prevent possible damage from electrical storms.
- Set your thermostat so that your furnace or air conditioner will maintain a reasonable temperature. For the winter, 55 degrees.
- Turn off all water faucets completely. Don't forget water from the automatic washer.
- Close your fireplace flue to prevent birds or animals from entering.
- Turn down the volume control on your

telephone so it cannot be heard from outside.

- Check all windows and doors for security, including cellar windows and garage door.
- Put window shades in normal daytime position, and make sure all main floor drapes, shades, and curtains are arranged so that the police and neighbors can see into your home.
- If you are leaving a car or other vehicle in your driveway, make sure it is locked.
- Set your electrical timers to turn some lights on and off during the evening hours.
- Make sure all gas appliances are in good order and that the pilot lights are working.
- Make sure stove is completely turned off.
- Lock your garage door.
- Make sure the last person out locks the door.
- If you haven't already done so, leave your key with your neighbor or relative.
- Provide your neighbor or relative with your travel itinerary so that you may be reached.

HAVE A GREAT VACATION!!!

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.



## It's Time For The Mayor To Start Solving Town's Problems

## To The Editor:

After reading the text of Mr. Johnson's "State of the City" address, I am left with one question: What color is the sky in your world, Mr. Mayor? I am amazed that anyone would have the audacity to stand in front of a small gathering of his employees and family and spout such tripe.

The Mayor just doesn't seem to have a firm grip on the world around him these days. Maybe he should climb down from his ivory tower and stop micromanaging every aspect of this community for a few minutes and listen to the citizens. Maybe he should leave his entourage of yes men behind for a moment and deal with some of the real issues in town.

The Mayor claims that he is "disappointed by the name-calling, ridiculing, and character assassination." I would simply ask: Is this the same Mayor who has yet to apologize for recently calling one elected member of the City Council a "buffoon" and another an "idiot"?

Is this the same Mayor who is noted for his tantrums in Town Hall when things don't go his way? Is this the same Mayor who labels those of us opposed to the prostituting of our town's character as a small group of loud-mouthed wackos? Please! Didn't some great man once say, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone?"

The Mayor also alleges that "education in Agawam has come under attack in recent months by people who are dissatisfied with our schools." He laments the fact that anyone should try to assess blame. I ask you, Mr. Mayor, can anyone in Agawam be satisfied with our schools? Why

would anyone be satisfied with a school system that is producing students whose performance, when judged by almost all standardized tests, is below national and state averages?

Isn't it true that our students rank near the bottom in both math and English testing when compared to similar communities in this state? Are you claiming that we shouldn't be attacking that system?

Should we be trying to figure out how \$45,000 of needed funds were diverted out of last year's budget without authorization from anyone? Shouldn't we be concerned that badly needed supplies went unpurchased even though funds were available? Shouldn't we be concerned that the budget practices of the School Department have been so harshly criticized by an outside audit firm?

Mr. Mayor, instead of criticizing parents who are worried about the quality of the education that our children are receiving, maybe you should accept the responsibility which is, after all, yours and get to work improving the situation.

The Mayor may have been correct about one thing. Agawam is at a crossroads. The Mayor can continue to focus his energy on golf courses and outside polluters, or he can get back to the important things in this town like our schools and homes.

It is time for the Mayor to get off his high horse and to get his hands dirty. It is time for him to stop the name-calling and to start the problem-solving. Let's stop looking for scapegoats and easy answers.

Let's admit that we have big problems and get to work on developing appropriate and long-term solutions to solving them.

Frank Lawlor  
Agawam

## Elderly Resident Upset About Her Walk Being Blocked

## To The Editor:

I am an elderly woman who is having a big problem when it snows on my sidewalk on River Street. I have repeatedly called Town Hall for help, and only Town Councillor George Bitzas would talk to me in a caring manner. And he even came over to my home to shovel for me - I never expected this. The day before Christmas, Councillor Bitzas, who had called me three times to tell me

not to shovel, came over to help with his son and daughter. They would not take any money, although I cannot offer much.

Because of his kindness, I was able to go to a family gathering on Christmas Eve as well as a funeral of a niece who passed away right after Christmas.

The problem with these snow storms is that the town's plows completely cover my sidewalk when plowing, thereby blocking my front sidewalk to Spring Street. I am 80, handicapped and with a cane. It is very difficult to move from my back door to the front of the house to be picked up. I have lived in this home for 49 years and have cared for my retarded, sister, Rose, for the past 27 years.

We live on a very fixed income and wonder why doesn't the town when it plows the sidewalks help me? It just doesn't seem right. No one from the town, except for the kindness of Councillor Bitzas, has ever come out here to check.

Sincerely,  
Florence J. Otto  
Agawam

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## LETTERS - from Page 4...

**Shriners Hospital Thanks Christina's Smoke Shop****To The Editor:**

On behalf of the youngsters and staff of the Springfield Unit, Shriners Hospital, I extend to Mr. Gus Bitsocos of Christina's Smoke Shop at the Twin Silos Complex on Suffield Street in Agawam our sincere appreciation for your recent donation.

All of us who have the privilege of working with these most deserving youngsters thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in making this gift available to us.

Your gift of Christmas candy was a special treat and helps to brighten their hospital stay. Our most sincere thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely,  
Allen G. Zippin, P.P.  
Chairman, Board of Governors

**Public Is Invited To Dinner Dance For Epilepsy Awareness****To The Editor:**

As you know, for the past nine years our lives have been touched by epilepsy. This disorder, which has many forms and causes, affects all age groups and lifestyles. An estimated one percent, or one in 150 people in the United States, suffer from epilepsy. The seizures which occur are often controlled by medications. However, in many instances, more aggressive or invasive treatments may be necessary as in the case of our son, Michael.

The Comprehensive Epilepsy Program of Children's Hospital, Boston is there to help the people of Western Massachusetts with these services. In addition, the Epilepsy Association of Massachusetts, a public education and advocacy group, currently runs a support group at Baystate Medical Center for families and individuals im-

pacted by this disorder.

On Saturday, March 9, 1996, along with several families in the area, we will host a benefit to raise the much needed funds for these organizations and to promote an awareness of their activities in general. It is our hope and dream that one day uncontrolled epilepsy will be a thing of the past.

We hope you will be able to join us in our second Annual Dinner Dance for Epilepsy Awareness.

Vinnie and I want to thank you in advance for your help and continued support and friendship throughout the years.

Sincerely,  
Vinnie & Carol Pietroniro  
34 Cedar Knoll Dr.  
Feeding Hills

**"Get Well" Cards Asked For Hospitalized Agawam Native****To The Editor:**

This is to his many friends in Agawam that know Henry (Bud) Otto. He was born and raised here, and now he could really need a friend.

He had a bad accident. If anyone who cares to send him a "get well" greeting card, it would be very much appreciated.

He's in Heritage Hall, South Building, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
A.R.  
Feeding Hills

**A Heartfelt Thank-You To Soccer Coaches****To The Editor:**

Soccer has come and gone, but we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to soccer coach Ed Santinello and his assistant coach Mike Kennedy.

These two gentlemen coached one of the girls' in-town Under-10 soccer teams. Our daughter was

part of that team, along with 12 other fine players. Mr. Santinello and Mr. Kennedy were truly outstanding with their coaching abilities.

Along with learning the basics of soccer, they instilled two very important factors into their coaching techniques: fairness and enjoyment. These two factors alone all made this team truly winners.

Again, thank you to the both of you for everything and "congratulations" to the 'Green Grasshoppers'!

Sincerely,  
Denise & Ray Brodowski  
Feeding Hills

**Johnson Should Apologize To The Residents Of Agawam****To The Editor:**

Mayor Johnson should be ashamed of himself for singling out and attacking residents of his town during the State of the City address. To accuse opponents of the power plant with "name calling, ridicule, and character assassination," without facts, quotes, or dates to back him up is appalling.

This same man, who, within the last three weeks called one Agawam Town Councilor a "buffoon," another Town Councilor an "idiot," with no apologies, now accuses us of name calling???

We strongly suggest Mayor Johnson apologize to all Agawam residents for his inappropriate and deplorable behavior at the State of the City address. It's about time Mayor Johnson begins to act on behalf of the citizens of Agawam and not as a mouthpiece for outsiders who are suing our town.

Ken Forni  
Concerned Citizens And  
Businesses of Agawam

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## Planning Board Postpones Meeting To Discuss Big Expansion Of Pride Station In F.H. Ctr.

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The Planning Board was to have considered a site plan to triple the size of a Pride Station convenience store in Feeding Hills Center, but the developer did not attend the January 18th meeting.

According to the site plan submitted to the town's office of planning and development, Pride owner Robert Bolduc is proposing to raze the existing gas station/convenience store and replace it with a 2,400 square foot convenience store with a drive-up window and a new gas pump island with a canopy of 46 x 48 feet.

The new building will look similar to the current building, but it will be three times larger.

Plans call for a flat-roofed, white stonepaneled building with the familiar blue and green Pride logo and striping on the building.

### Planning Director Encourages Design Changes

In her recommendations to the Planning Board, Director of Planning and Community Development Deborah Dachos stated, "Immediately across the street is the Revolutionary War Parade Grounds at Granger School. This office has encouraged Mr. Bolduc to make some efforts to replicate a historic or colonial design at this site. To date, he has made no such attempt."

Noting that three historical buildings located on the site have been demolished in recent years, the Historical Commission would like to see a colonial type building to replace those structures.

In a memo sent to Ms. Dachos, the Historical Commission stated, "The center of Feeding Hills still has a number of historical/colonial buildings and a colonial type structure for the proposed expansion would be more compatible with the community."

Building Inspector Dominic Urbinati has deter-

mined that the possible drive-through window at the convenience store must have the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The expansion would require 18 parking spaces.

Last year, Bolduc's plan to site a McDonald's Restaurant with a drive-through window on the site (adjacent to the Pride Station) received the Planning Board's approval of the site plan, subject to the granting of a special permit from the ZBA.

To date, the ZBA has not received a request for a special permit for the McDonald's Restaurant proposal.

Ms. Dachos said according to the plans submitted for the Pride Station expansion, a portion of the land already approved for inclusion in the McDonald Restaurant site plan is included in the gas station plan.

Ms. Dachos said she would be contacting Bolduc to discuss the overlapping site plans.

Currently, the station is located on one lot, but the expansion calls for an area consisting of the present location and the lots to the north and east.

According to documents prepared by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the three historical structures formerly located on the lots comprising the site of the proposed expanded Pride Station all date from around the turn of the century.

The buildings included a two-family residence in the Queen Anne vernacular style, a colonial revival style residence, and a square colonial revival building operated as a grocery and grain store by Edward Kellogg and sons (from 1903 to 1928). The store later operated as the Feeding Hills Produce Market.

## State Representative Dan Keenan Predicts Historic Year For The Legislature

Against the backdrop of the ceremonial opening of the second annual session of the 179th General Court of the Commonwealth, the oldest continually meeting democratic body in the world, Representative Daniel F. Keenan reflected on the events of the past year and set some goals for 1996.

"I am pleased with the progress we made last year, having enacted major policy initiatives to reform welfare, improve public safety, address the housing and safety needs of our seniors, reform the philosophy and practices of state government, and provide appropriate supports to working families. I think that these and other advances will furnish a solid foundation upon which we can build," stated Rep. Keenan.

Specifically, Rep. Keenan hopes to seize the momentum on issues affecting the quality of life for working families. Pointing to the 1995 successes, such as the increase in the minimum wage, increases in funding for both primary and higher education, and funding for water and sewer rate relief, Rep. Keenan will continue his advocacy on these issues and work to ensure that the interests of working families are a major force in shaping public policy for the upcoming year.

Rep. Keenan believes that 1996 will be an im-

portant year for seniors. "With proposed cuts in Washington to the Medicaid and Medicare programs, the state must prepare to assume a greater share of the costs and responsibilities associated with senior services," Rep. Keenan continued. He noted several victories for senior advocacy in last year's session, including the enactment of the mixed housing and elder abuse laws and the House's approval of the bill to establish a state Office on Alzheimer's Disease.

The Legislature will address pending significant issues, mindful of the self-imposed rules changes which will conclude this year's formal session at the end of July.

"Designed to improve the efficiency and predictability of legislative functions, these new rules will compel action on all controversial matters by July 31st and will eliminate the infamous lame duck session. I am excited to have been a part of this historic change to put the 'public' first in public policy debate.

"As we begin a new era in the Legislature with rules and campaign finance reforms, I am looking forward to a process which will allow me to maximize my advocacy on behalf of those I represent," concluded Rep. Keenan.

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You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, February 5, 1996 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Co. dated December 15, 1995 for permission to install joint pole number 17 approx. 150 feet easterly of existing pole number 18 in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

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Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 787-9460.

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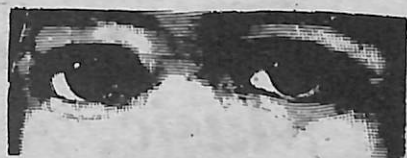
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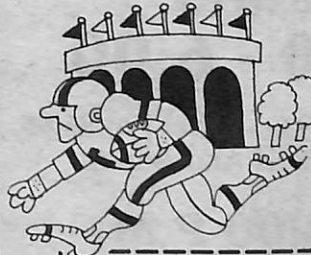
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## Agawam Obituaries

### Robert S. Harrington

Robert S. Harrington, 81, of 123 Adams St., Agawam, a former 10-year employee at the Agawam Housing Authority, died in a local nursing home.

He retired in 1979. Previously he was a sales representative at Hood Manufacturing in Suffield, Connecticut. Born in Holyoke, he attended Springfield schools and was a graduate of the former Central High School.

He moved here in 1964. He was a former member of the Masonic Temple in Springfield and was active in the Boys Scouts and Cub Scouts of America.

He leaves his wife of 43 years, the former Shirley J. Hare; two sons, Gordon S. of Agawam and Robert A. of Scarborough, Maine; two daughters, Beth A. Harrington of Agawam and Jane L. Siegel of Hartford, Connecticut, and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 27th at Colonial Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to United Way of Pioneer Valley.

## Melconian Gains Prison Beds For Hampden County

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda Melconian (D-Springfield) announced this week that over \$15 million will be appropriated to upgrade and expand the prisons of Hampden County under a \$480 million Prison Bond bill passed by the Massachusetts Legislature.

Senator Melconian successfully advocated for the inclusion of a number of authorizations that will boost the law enforcement and incarceration options in Western Massachusetts.

In particular, her support in the Senate was crucial to the addition of the \$15 million Hampden County regional facility for women, the \$80,000 authorized for the Hampden sheriff's inmate recording system, and the \$650,000 authorized for Hampden County to provide its federal match for a program to improve the coordination and cooperation among law enforcement units in Western Massachusetts.

"I consider the legislation a balanced approach well-suited to our safety and fiscal objectives," Melconian said.

The Prison Bond Issue responds to serious and dangerous overcrowding with authorizations totaling \$437 million for the construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of state, county, and juvenile facilities.

This funding provides for more than 1,250 new state cells, almost 2,000 replacement and expansion cells at county facilities, and 395 Department of Youth Services beds. The authorized funds will alleviate pressures on the Commonwealth's correctional facilities, some of which are at 200 percent of capacity, and will further comply with court orders mandating prison population reductions.

"I expect the Governor will promptly sign this legislation into law," Melconian said.

### Francis H. O'Leary, Jr.

Francis H. O'Leary, Jr., 49, of 728 Suffield Street, Agawam, a retired teacher at Agawam Middle School, died at home.

He retired in 1989 after teaching seventh-grade earth science and world geography for 22 years. In 1971-72, he was named Outstanding Young Educator by the Agawam Jaycees.

Born in Springfield, he was a lifelong resident of Agawam. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1964 and received his bachelor of arts and master of education degrees at the University of Massachusetts.

He studied computer programming at New York State University and spent a year as an exchange student at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

He also attended graduate courses at Westfield State College; the University of Massachusetts in Bologna, Italy; the University of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, Arizona; the University of Northern Arizona in the British Isles; the University of Montana in China, Japan, and Hong Kong; UCAL-Davis in Kenya; UCAL-Davis in Tanzania; and Hawaii Loa College in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

He was a member, and treasurer for several years, of the Agawam Educational Association; a member of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association; and a lifetime member of the National Education Association.

As historian for the First Baptist Church, he helped organize its 200-year history. He wrote two books, "Gravestone Inscriptions for Chester" and "Gravestone Inscriptions for Huntington," and co-authored the "Golden Era Source Book of Springfield 1865-1915."

He leaves his mother, Eunice B. Hallway Pomeroy; his stepfather, Arthur L. Pomeroy; and two stepsisters, Judy Keniston and Linda Morse, all of Montgomery.

The funeral was held at Agawam Baptist Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. The Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Agawam Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

### James W. Biglin

James W. "Butch" Biglin, 82, of 597 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, died Thursday, January 18th, in a local nursing home.

He was a heavy-equipment operator for the Springfield Streets and Engineering Department, retired in 1975.

Born in Springfield, he was a communicant of the city's Sacred Heart Church. He spent 43 years in Feeding Hills. His wife, the former Adele Fruwirth, died in 1969.

He leaves a stepson, Gary Schweizer of Lenox; six nephews, John Biglin of New Hampshire, John Vedovelli and William Vedovelli of Southwick, James O'Connor of East Longmeadow, and William O'Connor of Springfield; five nieces, Kathleen Viamari of Longmeadow, Helen Biglin and Nancy Biglin of Holyoke, Patricia Rix of Westfield, and Karen Leight of East Longmeadow.

The funeral was held Monday, January 22nd at Sampson's Liberty Street Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church renovation fund at 395 Chestnut Street, Springfield, 01104, or the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, 01104.

### Joseph M. Spagnoli

Joseph M. Spagnoli, 77, of 23 Winthrop Street, a 10-year bartender at the former Holyoke Cafe in Springfield, died Sunday, January 21st at home.

He was a 20-year truck driver for Williams Distributing in Springfield. Born in Springfield, he lived in the city until moving to Agawam 12 years ago. He was a former member of the Asunta Club in Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Irene M. Smith; a son, Joseph M. Jr., of Westfield; a daughter, Gina M. Riccardi of Wilbraham; two brothers, Salvatore of Wilbraham and Albert of Springfield, and four grandchildren.

The funeral is on Thursday, January 25th at Colonial Funeral Home and St. Theresa's Church, with burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Joseph M. Spagnoli Sr. Memorial Fund, in care of Kay Buoniconti, United Cooperative Bank, 95 Elm Street, West Springfield, 01089.

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## Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano  
Smoke Is A Killer,  
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The Agawam Fire Department warns that smoke is the real killer in a fire. About eight of every 10 fire deaths are due to breathing poisonous smoke and gases. Some victims never even see the flames.

Since smoke is lighter than air, it rises. In a building, it will go to the ceiling first and then bank down. It will wind up stairs and down hallways. To prevent smoke inhalation, get low and go. Crawl to the nearest exit as quickly as possible. Once out, stay out.

Although you can't see it, smoke is filled with toxic gases. Plastics, in particular, give off a highly poisonous gas when burned. Since most homes have a large amount of plastic furnishings and most offices use many furnishings and machines made of plastic, these fires can be deadly.

In addition, smoke contains carbon monoxide—a tasteless, odorless gas that causes confusion, reduced mental capacity, and eventually death. It is important to stay low to avoid breathing a large amount of these poisons.

It is also important to install and maintain smoke detectors to provide an early warning to fire and smoke. Exposure to smoke for even a few seconds or minutes can be fatal.

Smoke detectors give you the extra edge you need to escape safely. Every family should have a home fire escape plan which includes the use of smoke detectors and a knowledge of stay low and go. Even young children can be taught to respond properly.

No matter where a fire is ... in a home ... a shopping center ... a hotel ... an office ... a church ... or wherever, the response is the same: Get down on your hands and knees below the smoke and crawl to safety.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

## Genealogical Society To Hear Speaker On Irish Topics Feb. 7th

The Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society will meet at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum at the Springfield Quadrangle on February 7th at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Frank Faulkner, author and historian of Irish topics, publisher of the "Hungry Hill Press," will talk about Irish families in the Springfield area and Irish genealogy in general.

There is free parking behind the Museum and the Museum will be open at 5:00 p.m. for Society members to do genealogy research prior to the meeting.

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## Agawam Elderly Advocate Group Says To Keep Eye On Your Elderly Neighbors

The Agawam SALT Council, the group made up of Seniors and Law Enforcement people concerned with the elderly, would like to ask all town residents to be alert to any of their elderly neighbors' health conditions in view of the severe weather which continues this winter.

Some signs of possible trouble are: snow not being shoveled, mail accumulating in mailboxes, newspapers not being brought in, phone calls not being answered. If any of these are evident and it is reasonably certain that the neighbor is not

away, the police should be notified at 911.

Not more than 24 hours should pass if a tragedy is to be prevented. Recently, a Westfield man died of hypothermia in his home when two days passed before his condition was determined.

Often a family member or friend in town could be contacted who would know more of a particular situation.

So as winter goes on, please be a real old-fashioned neighbor and look out for those living close to you.

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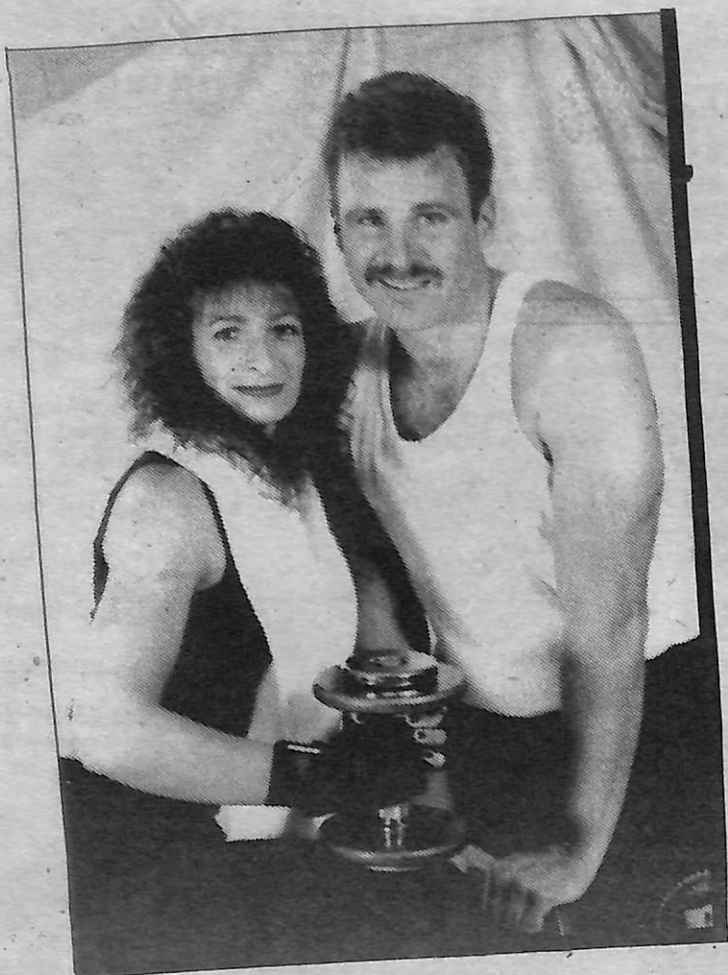
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## Public Can Still Get Tickets For Town's Inaugural Night

The plans are being made for the 1996 Inaugural Celebrations to be held at The Oaks, located at 1070 Suffield Street in Agawam.

The date will be January 26, 1996 at 6:30 p.m. A Social Hour will start the evening. There will be a mock swearing-in ceremony for the Mayor, Town Council, and School Committee members. Hors d'oeuvres and a buffet dinner will follow.

Music will be provided by Rocko, The D.J. for your dancing pleasure throughout the evening.

The cost of this event is \$18 per person. If you would like to be a sponsor of this event, a \$50 donation will entitle you to two tickets to the celebration and a sponsor listing in the event program.

Please call Jennifer in the Mayor's Office at 786-0400, extension 201, for ticket information.

## Member Sought For Board Of Appeals

The Agawam City Council has announced an opening for an alternate member of the Board of Appeals.

Persons interested in this position should submit a letter of interest containing a summary of qualifications for the position.

Letters must be received in the City Council Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001 before noon on Thursday, February 15, 1996.

The appointment will be for a term ending January 1, 1999.

The Board of Appeals hears appeals from actions taken by other town boards and officials under the building codes, zoning ordinances, subdivision control regulations, and other rules and regulations adopted regulating the use of land and buildings.

The alternate member has the authority and responsibility of the member he or she replaces.

## Nominees Sought For Citizens' Legislative Seminar

Assistant Majority Leader Linda Melconian (D-Springfield) is seeking nominees for Senate President Thomas F. Birmingham's Citizens' Legislative Seminars to be held later this year.

All residents of the 1st Hampden District are eligible to participate. The seminars, which will be held at the State House in Boston, will provide a chance for constituents to gain an understanding of legislative processes and procedures.

If you have any questions about the Seminar, contact Rosemary at 786-6033. Nominations should be sent by February 9th to Senator Melconian's Agawam Office, 375 Walnut St. Extension, Agawam, MA 01001.

## Keenan Seeks \$25 Million In Snow Removal Funds

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has co-sponsored a bill to appropriate snow and ice removal emergency funds to the Commonwealth's cities and towns. The legislation would appropriate up to \$25 million from the Local Aid Fund to reimburse municipalities for the costs of snow removal.

"These funds, if appropriated, will provide relief for our communities who have depleted or run deficit snow removal budgets," stated Rep. Keenan. "With two months of winter remaining, I anticipate widespread support for this measure in order to assure the public's safety and the fiscal well-being of our cities and towns."

The funds will be distributed to the cities and towns through a formula developed by the Division of Local Services and the Department of Revenue which will take into consideration such factors as precipitation amounts, public road miles, population density, and federal reimbursements.

## Open Burning Regulations For Town Of Agawam

The Department of Environmental Protection has designated January 15, 1996 through May 1, 1996 for open burning. Certain guidelines have been established and must be adhered to.

The Agawam Fire Department will issue and monitor each permit on a daily basis. Permits will only be issued weather permitting, and only to those locations meeting these guidelines.

1. Burning of brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris will be allowed.

2. No grass, hay, leaves, stumps, paper products, and trash of any kind will be allowed. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT ANY TIME.

3. Burning shall take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

4. NO COMMERCIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL BURNING PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED.

5. Burning shall be at a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling or building.

6. Outside burning for cooking purposes is allowed.

7. NEVER USE GASOLINE TO START THE FIRE.

8. Someone must attend the fire until completely extinguished. Have a water supply handy at all times.

ANY FIRE WHICH IS DETERMINED TO BE A HEALTH HAZARD OR NUISANCE, WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE EXTINGUISHED IMMEDIATELY.

All permits will be issued from Fire Headquarters, 1200 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The phone number is 786-2662.

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## Families



AGAWAM HIGH ACTING PRINCIPAL Joseph Zabielski was a guest of the Agawam Junior Women's Club on Tuesday, January 16th. He is being greeted by Laura Paul (left) and club President Liz Taylor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Cultural Council Planning Trip To New York May 18th

The Agawam Cultural Council will have a New York City bus trip on Saturday, May 18, 1996. Anyone interested in tickets may send a check and stamped, self-addressed envelope to council member Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Please make checks payable to the Agawam Cultural Council. The tickets will be returned in your stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please look at the front of the ticket for bus number assignment. The price per person is \$18 and is non-refundable. Departure time will be at 6:25 a.m. from the Agawam High School parking lot. This will allow sufficient time for interested parties to purchase half-price tickets to selected Broadway Shows.

The bus will stop at the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts, Rockefeller Center, Times Square (theater ticket booths), 34th Street Macy's, and the 14th Street South Street Seaport.

Time and place of departure from New York will be 6:30 p.m. near Rockefeller Center. There will be no stops on the trip down or back; bring your own snacks. Arrival home at Agawam High School will be approximately 9:30 p.m.

If there are any questions, please call Linda Lazarus at 786-2335.



AGAWAM HIGH AMERICAN INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS students (AFS) were guests of the Agawam Junior Women's Club on January 16th. From left - Carolina Jurado, Panama; Marcos Damus, Paraguay; Ging Klaewvigkrum, Thailand; and Katia Prolongeau, France. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Ag. Jr. Women's Club Seeking Members To Assist With Many Charitable Events

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in your community? Are you interested in making new friends while you help others? The Agawam Junior Women's Club needs you!

We are an organization dedicated to providing support to our community in a wide variety of areas. Some of our projects include our Annual Arts & Crafts Festival for scholarships, Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Baskets for needy families, Pancake Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus, Spelling Bee, Essay Contest for Middle School students, ushering at StageWest, and more.

Club social events include a monthly Fun Night (for members and their significant others) and Craft Nights for members. We also have family ac-

tivities such as an Easter Party for the children and an annual Family Cookout.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam.

If you're interested, please join us at our Open House/Membership Party on Tuesday, February 13th. It will be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Members will be available to answer questions and discuss club activities. Come see if this is the organization for you.

If you have any questions, please call Stephanie, Agawam Junior Women's Club Membership Chairwoman, at 786-4578.

**PLEASE REMEMBER to publicize your events at least two weeks in advance. If you wish to be a subscriber, call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137.**

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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, January 29th:** BBQ pork rib, baked beans, cole slaw, oatmeal bread, orange.

**Tuesday, January 30th:** Pasta & egg soup, chicken cutlet on roll, lettuce & tomato, canned apricots.

**Wednesday, January 31st:** Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, cookie.

**Thursday, February 1st:** Veal patiti, spaghetti with sauce, peas, pumpkin bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

**Friday, February 2nd:** Baked fish, rice Pilaf, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, canned peaches.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## Junior Women's Club Installs Board Members

On January 5, 1996, the Agawam Junior Women's Club installed its newly elected board members at its annual banquet, which was held at the Monte Carlo restaurant in West Springfield.

The board members were sworn in by Eleanor Jean and Eileen Hamre, who presented each member with a flower to represent each board member's role in the club.

Members of the governing body for the coming year are: President, **Liz Taylor**; 1st Vice President, **Ann Woodard**; 2nd Vice-President, **Stephanie Bertagnolli**; Recording Secretary, **Betty Vershon**; Corresponding Secretary, **Laura Paul**; and Treasurer, **Eva Jack**.

Directors are: Newsletter, **Pat Belisle**; Publicity, **Cindy Sanford**; Ways & Means, **Donna Shibley** and **Carol Patrick**; and Club photographer, **Leslie McNair**.

Federations are being chaired by the following members: Conservation, **Joyce Bressemer Granger** and **Doreen Prouty**; Home Life, **Sue Godfrey**; International Affairs, **Eleanor Jean**; and the Arts, **Diane Graveline**.

Cindy Krollicki, the Recording Secretary for 1995, gave a historical overview of the year's activities. Secret Pals were revealed, while new ones were selected for 1996.

Congratulations were given to Stephanie Bertagnolli for being elected Junior Clubwoman of the Year, and to Donna Shibley for the Marilyn Perry Leadership Award (an award that is given to an individual who has given service not only to the Club but to her community, also).

## Two Local Kids To Benefit From Dinner-Dance For Epilepsy March 9th

As you may have already heard, the second Annual Dinner-Dance for Epilepsy has been scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 1996.

This year's event will be held at The Oaks Banquet Hall in Agawam. Social Hour starts at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 7:00. The entertainment will be the popular rock n' roll show band, The Crescents. Proceeds will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts and the Comprehensive Epilepsy Program at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Many of you know nine year-old Michael Pietroniro, a special young boy from Feeding Hills, whose life has been a constant struggle in the effort to control his severe seizure disorder.

We'd like to introduce you to another young person from our community whose daily life is also affected by epilepsy. Nichole, now two years-old, was diagnosed with Infantile Spasms (a seizure disorder) at four months of age. She spent the first year of her life on medications and suffered the severe side affects associated with these drugs - none of them controlling her seizures.

After a normal, healthy pregnancy and delivery, Nichole's parents began to notice repetitive incidents (at approximately one month of age) which were later to be diagnosed as seizures.

Nichole's parents, desperately searching for anything that would help their young daughter have consulted with the most highly respected physicians around the country. They have travelled to California (UCLA Medical Center), Florida, and Maryland (John Hopkins), and even to Montreal, Canada in hopes of finding an answer to Nichole's condition.

Currently, no medical treatment is available that can control these daily episodes. This is why it is so very important that we raise awareness and funds so that epilepsy research can move forward in the hopes of someday discovering help for the families in our community whose daily lives are affected by epilepsy.

Please plan to join us for a great evening on

## Daniel M. Walsh Joins U.S. Army Under Delayed Enlistment

Daniel M. Walsh has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Springfield, Mass.

The Delayed Enlistment Program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel, and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Walsh, a 1993 graduate of Agawam High School, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, MO, for military basic training February 15, 1996.

He is the son of Richard M. and Karen E. Walsh of 31 Cosgrove Ave., Agawam.



TWO YEAR-OLD NICHOLE

March 9, 1996. Last year's Dinner-Dance was a huge success and we're sure that you and your friends will be glad you were there!!

For more information or tickets, please call Wayne & Sue Hearn (786-1529), Gary & Janet Shean (786-2709), Rich & Kathy Karam (786-5426), Steve & Diane Penna (786-9284), Rick & Kim Martel (786-1169), or Dean & Susan Shaw (569-0474).

## "Family Night Supper" At Agawam Congregational Church

On Sunday, February 11, 1996, at 5:30 p.m., the Friendship Committee of Agawam Congregational Church will be sponsoring a Family Night Supper.

This is a Potluck Supper; A-M are asked to bring a main dish, and N-Z are asked to bring salads. The dessert for the evening is "make your own sundae."

Following the supper at 6:30 p.m., John Porcino, a Storyteller/Folksinger, will be the entertainment with stories, songs, music, and celebration for the young and old.

A sign-up sheet will be at the Coffee Hour each Sunday, or call the Church Office at 786-7111.

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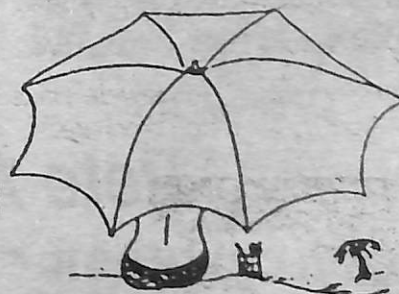
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## Carrie A. Nelson To Wed Steven M. Lelli

Carrie A. Nelson, daughter of James and Lucia Hurley of Feeding Hills, is engaged to wed Steven M. Lelli, son of Fred and Carol Lelli of Chicago, Illinois.

The wedding has been set for June of 1997.

The bride-to-be is a branch manager of Fleet National Bank of Massachusetts in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The prospective bridegroom is a Housing Police Officer in Chicago, Illinois.

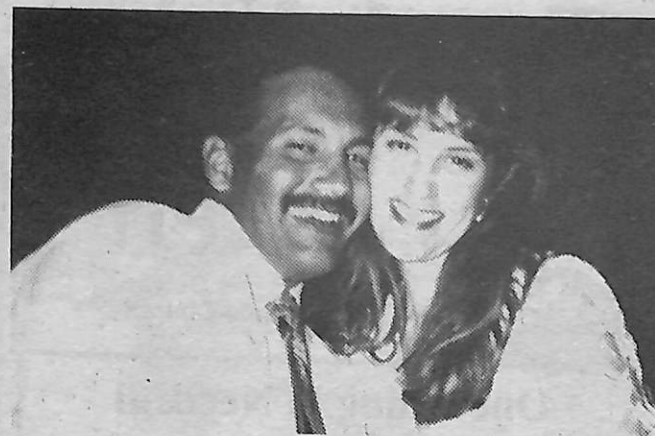
## Ellen Kelley Engaged To Wed John Matuza

Paul and Jackie Kelley of Agawam are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen, to John Matuza of Omaha, Nebraska. John is the son of Irwin and Hope Matuza of Omaha.

Ellen is a graduate of Agawam High School and STCC. She is a PTA at Kaiser Permanente in West Hartford, CT.

John is a graduate of South High in Omaha, Nebraska. He is currently serving in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Groton, CT.

The couple are planning a September 1996 wedding.



ELLEN KELLEY and JOHN MATUZA

## Operation Friendship Sets Dinner

A roast beef dinner hosted by Operation Friendship of America will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost for adults is \$7.50; \$4 for children under 12 years of age; and free for children under five years of age.

For reservations, call Kathy Rose at 786-0195 or Chris Mangano at 789-3128. If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name and number of reservations.

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# Church News...



## From the PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan  
St. David's Church

### One Thing Is Needful

Several months ago, God seemed to speak to me during a time when I was feeling somewhat distant from Him. For some time I had been wondering why, until one Wednesday I was told, "You're like Martha!" "Excuse me?" I said.

"You're like Martha, My friend in Bethany. Like her, you are anxious and troubled about many things." (Luke 10:41)

I then asked, "What things?"

And, for the next 20 minutes or so, God showed me the "many things" about which I was anxious, those areas of my life and the life of others which I didn't believe God was taking good care of. He also showed me that, like Martha in Bethany, I had become distracted with much serving, perhaps as a way to compensate for or cover over my anxious troubles. In the process, I had lost touch with the One who can make sense out of the many things of my life, who can help me to sort out, and to simplify.

Over the past two months, it seems to me as if Jesus' words to Martha, and their being repeated to me, have an important message to all of us. I don't believe I'm projecting my own experience when I observe that, as a whole, people seem to be anxious and troubled about many things.

"What things?" we might well ask.

Families, friends, finances, future, health, these might be just a few. Perhaps, with God's help, we could list more. It also seems as if many people have become distracted with much serving, perhaps as a way to act out our anxieties: our

calendars often look like the charts for air-traffic control, and so many people seem to be just plain hyperactive, exhausted, and burnt out. In the midst of these many things, even believers seem to have lost touch with the one thing which can make sense out of the many things of their lives. "One thing is needful": Jesus (Luke 10:42)

What we need is a regular forum in which we can admit our anxieties, not only to the Lord, but also to others who can pray for us, encourage us, as well as counsel us about what we should do with some of our troubles, and what we might need to do to simplify the many things of our too busy lives.

In their presence we will be able to come into His Presence, and experience Him casting out our fears, giving us His peace, and empowering us to serve. "One thing is needful": Jesus (Luke 10:42). We need to come together in Him.

Throughout the Book of Acts, from the Upper Room at Pentecost to St. Paul in Rome, we see disciples coming together in Jesus, to study His Word, to pray, to break bread together, to serve others together, recognizing as they do that One Thing which was truly needful in the midst of their stressful lives - Jesus. He alone could remove the many distractions and move them on their mission of calling others to follow Him, as they were at home, in the neighborhood, at work, at play, going on their way. And so will He do today for us, if we will come together in Jesus.

At this time of the year, and particularly so during Lent, which begins at the end of next month, many churches encourage their members to become involved in a Small Group, where each person can find the opportunity to admit the anxieties which are troubling them, and can find encouragement together from God's Word, from His Holy Spirit, from His Presence promised whenever two or three gather in His Name.

I encourage you to pick one such group that will put you in touch with The One, as you pray, study, work, and grow together with others in Him, and see if your anxious, troubled, distracted living isn't replaced with a simple sense of peace, purpose, and power, together in Jesus.

## This Week At St. David's Church

The **Monthly Healing Service** of St. David's Church will be held Thursday, January 25th, at the Church Building on 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The service will be held at 7:00 p.m. and will consist of singing, personal testimonies, prayer, and a message from Scripture. The service will conclude by 8:30 p.m., with a time for optional private prayer ministry from the St. David's Prayer Team continuing after.

As Thursday is the observance of the Conversion of St. Paul of the Bible, the focus of the message will be on the healing that comes from the new birth in the Holy Spirit.

The **Rev. John Parke, Associate Rector of St. David's**, will preach at all services this weekend, January 27th-28th, the 5:00 p.m. simple service, and the 8:00 a.m. traditional service, both held at the Church Building, and the 10:00 a.m. contemporary service held at the Agawam Middle School, featuring child care, Sunday School for grades Pre-K through 8, and interpretation for the deaf.

**ADULT STUDIES OPEN TO ONE AND ALL:**

**Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., women, join with women of the Agawam Church of the Bible** at the St. David's Church Building for 90 minutes of Bible Study, singing, fellowship, and prayer. Child care is provided.

**Thursdays at 9:30 a.m., a similar group for women** is held at the Church Building until 11:00 a.m., with child care.

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., Adults and Youth Study Church History** with a one-hour video and discussion program, this week focusing on the Church of England's growth following the Reformation.

**Saturdays at 7:00 a.m., men are invited to come together** for a 75-minute time of fellowship, Bible discussion, and prayer.

**Additional small groups will be formed for Lent** to provide a setting for fellowship, Bible discussion, prayer, and mutual support. Leaders will meet for four Wednesdays of training beginning January 31st, and the new groups will get underway the week of February 25th.

Contact the parish office for further information about these, or other groups.

**Students from the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at Middlebury College in Vermont** will arrive in Agawam on February 3rd for a five-day project of outreach to Senior Citizens, both locally and in Springfield.

They will be housed in the St. David's Church Building overnight, will do service projects in the mornings and afternoons, and will spend the evenings in Bible Study, singing, prayer, and recreation.

## Methodist Church Welcomes Public

The Agawam United Methodist Church is located in Agawam across the street from Agawam High School.

Worship and Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Fun, entertainment, and refreshments are offered at 4:00 p.m. for children and youth. Prayer Service is at 7:00 a.m.

If you are visiting our community, please join us for worship and fellowship.

## Adoration Society To Meet Feb. 2nd

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Thomas Church, Pine Street, West Springfield to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, February 2nd, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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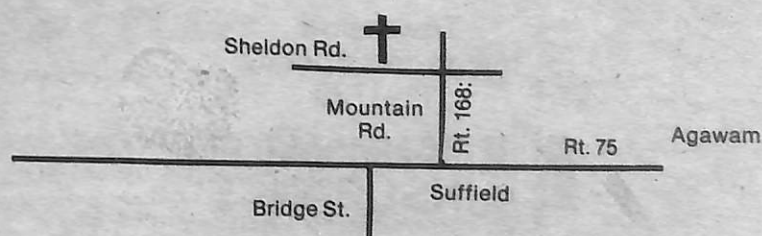
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## News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hill Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for children and adults begins at 9:00 a.m. Children are then welcome to attend worship with their parents at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson will preach a sermon entitled "The Best Defense Is No Offense." Nursery care will be provided.

Blanket Sunday will be next Sunday, February 4, 1996. A \$5 gift will allow Church World Service to buy one durable blanket to be used in support of the church's mission to the world.

A generous heart is commended in many passages in the Scripture, and especially where that generosity has the poor for its object. We are told to remember the poor (Lev. 25:35; Deu. 15:7), to be a helper to the fatherless (Ps. 68:5; Ps. 10:14), and the widow (Is. 1:17), to visit those in affliction (James 1:27), and let them share our abundance (Deu. 14:29).

It is a fine thing to lay up treasure in heaven, and we can do this only by doing God's work with the means at our disposal here. If we use His gifts for the benefit of our fellow beings who need help more than we do, we shall then be doing His work.

There is a Japanese legend which says that if you make 1,000 paper cranes, there will be peace on earth.

The Youth Group has been busy folding cranes toward this end. They will be selling their creations at the coffee hour after church. Each crane has a white ribbon which may be worn to show your support of this peace project.

The money raised will be given to Church World Service to be sent to help those in Bosnia who are suffering due to the war there. Members of area churches are welcome to join this effort.

Please call Patsy Traficante at 562-6224 or the church office at 786-5061 for more information.

Please stay after church for the annual meeting this Sunday, January 28th, even if you didn't sign up.

Don't worry, you'll be home in plenty of time for the Super Bowl!

Operation Friendship will hold a Roast Beef Dinner at the church on Saturday, February 3rd, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Operation Friendship is a non-profit youth cultural exchange program that encourages international friendship and understanding among youth and adults.

On the calendar this week:

**Sunday, January 28th:** 9:00 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Literacy; 10:00 a.m., Worship Service; Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon.

**Monday, January 29th:** 5:15 p.m., Girl Scouts.

**Tuesday, January 30th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Wednesday, January 31st:** 2:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

**Friday, February 2nd:** 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

**Saturday, February 3rd:** 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., OF-Roast Beef Dinner.



DAN PENDER and his wife, Mary Ellen, and daughter, Hannah. Pender is the new director of Christian Education and Youth Group Activities at the First Baptist Church.

### Ag. Congregational Welcomes Dan Pender As Christian Education/Youth Director

Dan Pender, a Marriage and Family Therapist, is the new Director of Christian Education and Youth Group activities at the Agawam Congregational Church. Dan was also a former Seminary candidate for Priesthood.

Dan and his wife Mary Ellen reside in Agawam with their three children: Kevin, Hannah, and Aidan. He hopes to build on the excellent work of his predecessors, Corinne Colman and Tina Wright.

Currently, the church has four Youth Groups and a church school enrollment of over 100 students. Dan has led Advent and Lenten programs at the church.

A reception for Dan and his family will be held this Sunday, January 28th, following the Worship Service during the Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall.

*Best local news...*

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MEMBERS OF THE CAPTIVE FREE Christian Musical Ministry will be in Agawam on February 1st.

### Christian Singers To Perform Feb. 1st At First Baptist Church

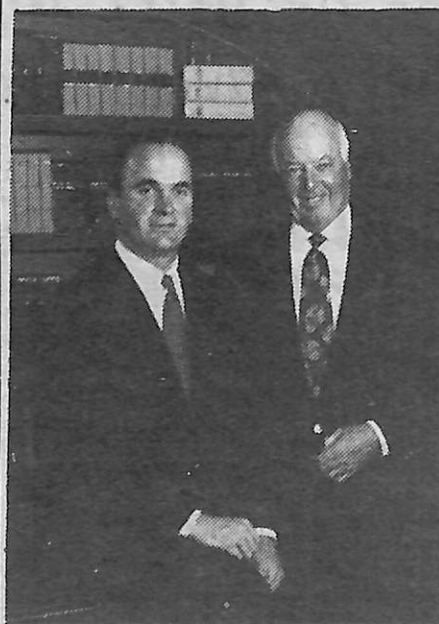
A talented team of college-age young people, offering Christian, youth-oriented musical ministry to the East Coast region, will be in Agawam on Thursday, February 1st.

The spirited **Captive Free** team members dedicate a year of their lives to performing in hundreds of churches, prisons, schools, and nursing homes. Using music, puppets and personal testimonials, team members reach out to people of all ages with a lively performance featuring contemporary Christian music. The program includes something for everyone!

In its 31st year of ministry, Minneapolis-based Youth Encounter sponsors six **Captive Free** bands that travel in various regions of the U.S. and four International Teams traveling the U.S. and overseas each year. Youth Encounter is an evangelical organization that offers relational youth ministry resources.

First Baptist Church invites the general public to join **Captive Free**: Sarah Caviness, Abby Forbes, Chad Glover, Rene Nord Hansen, Sean Kangas, Monte Meister, and Kim Wampler on Thursday, February 1st beginning at 6:00 p.m. for a Family Potluck Dinner. A free-will offering will be taken.

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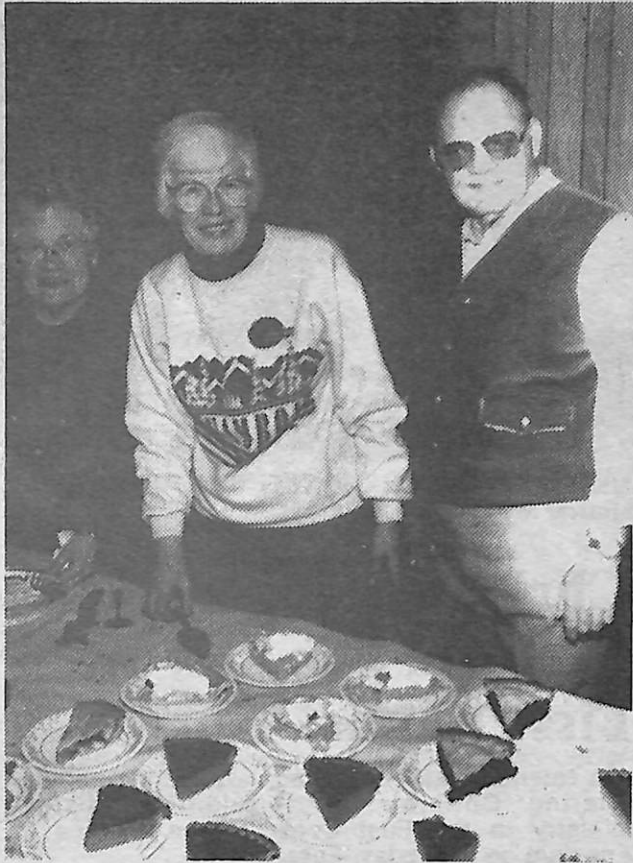
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## Ham & Bean Supper At Agawam Baptist Church



THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH held a Ham & Bean Supper on January 13th. From left -Dot Jenks, Nancy Edwards, Paul Smith, Rev. Rick Barnes, and Jean Goss; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Norma & Edward Neilson enjoy their meal. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Newly-Formed Men's Group To Meet At First Baptist Church Jan. 28th

A newly formed men's group will hold its first meeting this Sunday afternoon, January 28th at First Baptist Church.

It will be a Super Bowl Sunday Potluck Get-Together. For more information regarding details, call the church office at 786-7300.

At morning worship, held at 9:30 a.m., Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "A Question of Service," with scriptural text taken from Micah 6: 1-16. Coffee, conversation, and classes will be held following the worship service.

Members of the Board of Deacons are reminded that there will be a meeting at 8:00 p.m. preceding worship.

On our calendar this week:

**Tuesday, January 30th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Nominating Committee meets at the home of Nina Bailey

**Wednesday, January 31st:** 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open

**Thursday, February 1st:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:00 p.m., Potluck Supper followed by "Captive Free" program at 7:30 p.m. This is a group of college-age performers who provide a contemporary Christian ministry in song and drama.

**Coming Up:**

**Sunday, February 11th:** Family night supper and talent show. Plan to participate in this special event!

### Ag. Congregational Church Presents New Evening Playgroup

The Agawam Congregational Church is proud to announce the addition of a new Playgroup to be held on Tuesday evenings.

The Playgroup has been developed so that busy parents, unable to attend the regular Wednesday and Thursday Playgroup Programs, will now be able to share in the fun.

The new Playgroup will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for 10 weeks. Sessions will be held on March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th (no Playgroup April 9th), May 7th, 14th, and 21st.

A fee will be charged to cover operating expenses.

The Playgroup will offer playtime, crafts, snacks, singing and dancing, fun, and friendship for children and adults alike. The group will be limited to 12 families, so call today to reserve your place in this most unique group.

For further information or to register, please call the church office at 786-7111 and speak to Susan Tapply or Grace Tilden.

Hope to see you at the newest Congregational Playgroup!

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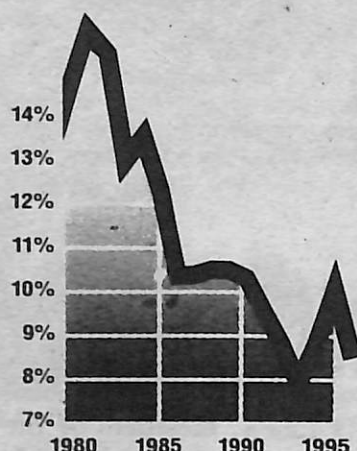
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**Church News - continued...**

## Boar's Head Celebrated At Valley Comm. Church

The sound of trumpets heralded the entrance of a medieval spectacle recently at the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills. Resplendent in costumes of the period, royal personages and peasant folk alike paraded down the center aisle to take their place before the Sanctuary.

Accompanied by an ensemble of musicians which included Heather Secora (bassoon), Kassia Randzio (violin), Marcy Secora (flute), Stephen Dennehy (recorder), Margie Secora (guitar), Lyle Pearsons, Gary Winn, and Jason Michaud (percussion), the 40-member celebrants led the congregation in traditional Christmas carols and the retelling of the Three Kings' visit to the Christ child.

Tiffany Blackman held the Bethlehem star high above the pews as she led Mary (Marcy Secora) and Joseph (Scott Belisle) to the holy manger. Eight month-old Gratton Rider, as the baby Jesus, was entranced with the various animals and people who came to greet him, especially the elegant llamas and pygmy goat led by Bill and Janice Fugua.

The shepherds Tom and Danny Szweczyk and Don and Aaron Manley were the first to arrive, followed by the glittering, bejeweled Kings and their pages, Gary and Garyson Winn, Lyle and Tyler Pearsons, and Jason Michaud with young Michael LaJoie.

The festival is traditionally an ancient celebration of the defeat of the devil represented by the boar's head, which was carried in by the Lawrence brothers, Tristan and Tyson. They and other country folk—which included Sally Dennehy, Nance Pearsons, DeeGee Blackman, Evelyn Winn, Lois McCarl, Kathy and Donny Manley, Dale and Sue Pearsons, and Debbie Lawrence—presented their harvest and livestock gifts before the altar.

The Lord and Lady of the Manor (Al and Debbie Randzio), along with their Jester (Jesse Randzio), Herald (Corey Lagunowich), Banner Bearer (Jessica Szweczyk), and Finance Minister (Ralph Lawrence), welcomed all to the festivities.

The candlelit church and spotlighted nativity scene gave a special atmosphere to the celebration, and a hushed silence fell over all as the spirit of the New Year (Jaime Pearsons) jingled her way to the altar to take in hand Father Old Year (Pastor Stephen Dennehy) and leads him skippingly down the aisle.

The players and audience alike joined together after the hour-long service for a delicious array of desserts and finger snacks provided by Sally Dennehy, Women's Club ladies, and other church members.

The children enjoyed the petting zoo set up downstairs in Dunn Hall, where the bleats and cries of sheep, goats, rabbits, and chickens echoed with the warm conversation of the worshippers who spoke highly of the evening's celebration.

Organizers Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora were pleased with the proceedings and enthusiastic turnout, and expect next year's festival to be even bigger and better.



IN PHOTO LEFT, members of the Randzio family - Al, Debbie, and children Jesse and Kassia are dressed in medieval garb for their participation in the Boar's Head Festival recently held at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Tyson and Tristan Lawrence carried in the Boar's Head during the festival celebrating the arrival of the Three Kings.

## Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

A "Movie Night" for post high adults has been set for Friday, January 26th. Meet at the church at 6:10 p.m. and travel down to the Village Cinema in Suffield, CT.

Following the movie, the group will stop for dessert and fellowship at an area eatery.

On Sunday, January 28, 1996, new members will be joining the congregation—Dan Pender, Jane & Mike Humes.

Rev. Fuller's sermon this Sunday will be "The Sermon on the Mount." Text: Matthew 5:1-12. The

Children's Message will be "Good to the Core!"

Church school continues each Sunday. Classes for grades nine to 12 and adult classes meet at 9:15 a.m., and crib room through grade six meet at the 10:30 session.

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The 3\*2\*1\*KONTACT group (kindergarten through third grade) will be having a lunch and activity meeting on Sunday, January 28th, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Making cookies and crafts for upcoming Valentine's Day will be the general theme of the day.

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# For Your Health



## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### A Natural Way To Lower Cholesterol

Many people know that an eating pattern high in fiber and low in fat can help reduce the risk for certain cancers. Now there's another compelling reason to choose fiber-rich foods: soluble fiber contributes to a healthy heart by helping to control blood cholesterol levels.

Registered Dietitians on the Consumer Nutrition Hotline are frequently asked the difference between soluble and insoluble fiber, according to Nancy E. Schwartz, PhD, RD, who directs The American Dietetic Association's National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics.

"Soluble fiber helps control blood cholesterol levels by 'binding' some cholesterol in the digestive tract and eliminating it naturally. Foods with insoluble fiber help the body's natural elimination process. It's important to get plenty of both types of fiber to achieve a well-balanced eating style. Strive to eat 20-35 grams of dietary fiber daily, with about 25 percent, or five to nine grams, from soluble fiber."

Most people can easily reach this level by following the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid, which recommends a diet based on fiber-rich foods: six to 11 servings daily of grain foods (cereal, bread, pasta, and rice), three to five servings of vegetables, and two to four servings of fruit.

"Soluble fiber is obtained from a variety of food sources," says Schwartz. "Whole grains and legumes, such as oatmeal and barley, and beans are excellent soluble fiber sources. Vegetables and fruits, such as broccoli, oranges, and apples, also contribute soluble fiber."

Tips for including more high-soluble fiber, heart-healthy foods in the diet will be featured in a special recorded message in January on the Consumer Nutrition Hotline (800-366-1655) of The American Dietetic Association's National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics.

To help people learn about the link between heart health and soluble fiber, a free fact sheet, "Food Choices for Heart Health: Include Plenty of Fiber," will be available to hotline callers throughout January 1996. The recorded message on fiber can be heard daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Central).

Nancy Dell, MS, is the Media Representative for the Western Mass. Dietetic Association and a Registered Dietitian with a private practice in Feeding Hills. She can be reached at (413) 786-2957.

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Keeping the spine functioning normally also affects the nervous system. Why is this? The nervous system is composed of the brain and the spinal cord and all the spinal nerves that exit the spinal cord. The spinal cord is protected by the spinal or vertebral column, which is made up of 24 movable bones.

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## Providence Hospital To Offer Four Diabetes Management Classes During February

Providence Hospital's free educational series, "The Management of Diabetes," will begin February 2nd. Sessions will be conducted on Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Topics to be covered on February 2nd include the signs and symptoms of diabetes, coping with diabetes, and self blood glucose monitoring. On February 9th, participants will learn about insulin and oral drug use, plus acute complications which may accompany these treatments.

The February 16th presentation will explore



## Living Well

by Rick Hersom  
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### Making The Most Of Life

I think one of the greatest benefits of exercising is that it can "add life to our years," not "years to our life." Some of the goals I have set for later in my life are to enjoy life to its fullest, remain independent, continuing to do the activities that I enjoy, and to be healthy.

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I met an older man that every winter would go into depression. He would get so bad that he would lock himself in his house, and not be seen in public for weeks at a time. It just so happened that one year he decided to start exercising. Between his exercise program and the friendly care of a trainer, he finally conquered his depression.

I knew a gentleman who was quite a bit overweight. He was so out of shape that walking for only a few minutes would tire him out. One year later he jogs, does the stair machine, lifts weights, and has lost more than 50 pounds.

We had an older woman at our facility that would shuffle down the hall (very slowly) to use the bike for five minutes, then she would have to have someone help her make all the adjustments on the strength training equipment because she could not make them herself. Now she strides down the hall with purpose, makes every adjustment on her own, rides the bike, walks on the treadmill, and uses the stair machines for more than 40 minutes.

These are only a few of the many miracles at Fitness First. The people that I told you about, and everyone else like them, deserve our complete respect. These people finally took control of their lives and made the changes necessary to add "life to their years."

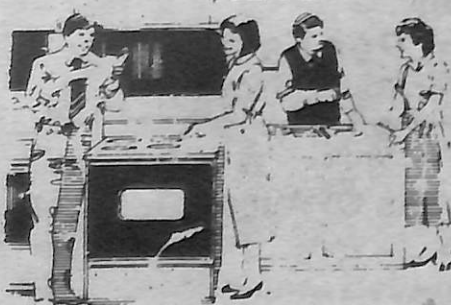
We have choices in life, and one of the most important choices is whether we want to participate in life or watch it pass us by.

acute and chronic complications, and will include a discussion on the importance of foot care. The series will conclude on February 23rd with a presentation by a registered dietitian, addressing meal planning and the diabetic diet. A question-and-answer period is part of each class.

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## Arts

### Ambiance Wind Quintet To Perform At Ag. Public Library

The Agawam Cultural Council will present the Ambiance Wind Quintet as the "First Friday" performance for February. The program will be held on Friday, February 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. The performance will be held at the Agawam Public Library and is free and open to the public.

The Ambiance Wind Quintet is made up of five local musicians. Donna Kennedy of Agawam plays the flute and piccolo, Danette Bucci of Chicopee the oboe, Kathy Zisk of Somers, CT, the clarinet, Phil Fedora of West Springfield the bassoon, and Joan Cavanaugh of Holyoke the French horn.

The quintet was formed in 1992 and has performed in Agawam before. The quintet's repertoire includes marches, classical selections, and popular music. Some of the selections they will be performing on February 2nd will be Sousa's "Liberty Bell March," a medley of tunes from Bizet's opera "Carmen," a movement from Handel's "Water Music," and Henry Mancini's "Pink Panther."

Also, the audience will have a chance to sing along in an arrangement of vaudeville songs.



THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will present the "Ambiance Wind Quintet" as the "First Friday" performance on Friday, February 2nd. The performance will be held at the Agawam Public Library.

### Learn To Use The On-Line Computers At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library announces that it will hold three classes on the usage of the library's online computer access catalogs.

The classes will be held on Tuesday, February 6th through Thursday, February 8th from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

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26 Second in command (abbr.)  
27 Latin existence  
28 Wilber's stable friend  
29 French city  
30 Gym covering  
31 All even  
32 Eight furlongs  
33 Water craft  
37 West Pointers  
39 "Sting" operations  
41 Stop  
42 Lulu  
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46 Ararat lander  
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54 Big bang stuff  
55 Indian princesses  
56 Love on the Tiber  
59 Main artery  
61 "Stand up — counted"  
62 Job seeker's pleasure  
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69 "— up" (relaxed)  
70 Fido's restraint  
71 English poet  
72 Scott's gypsy woman  
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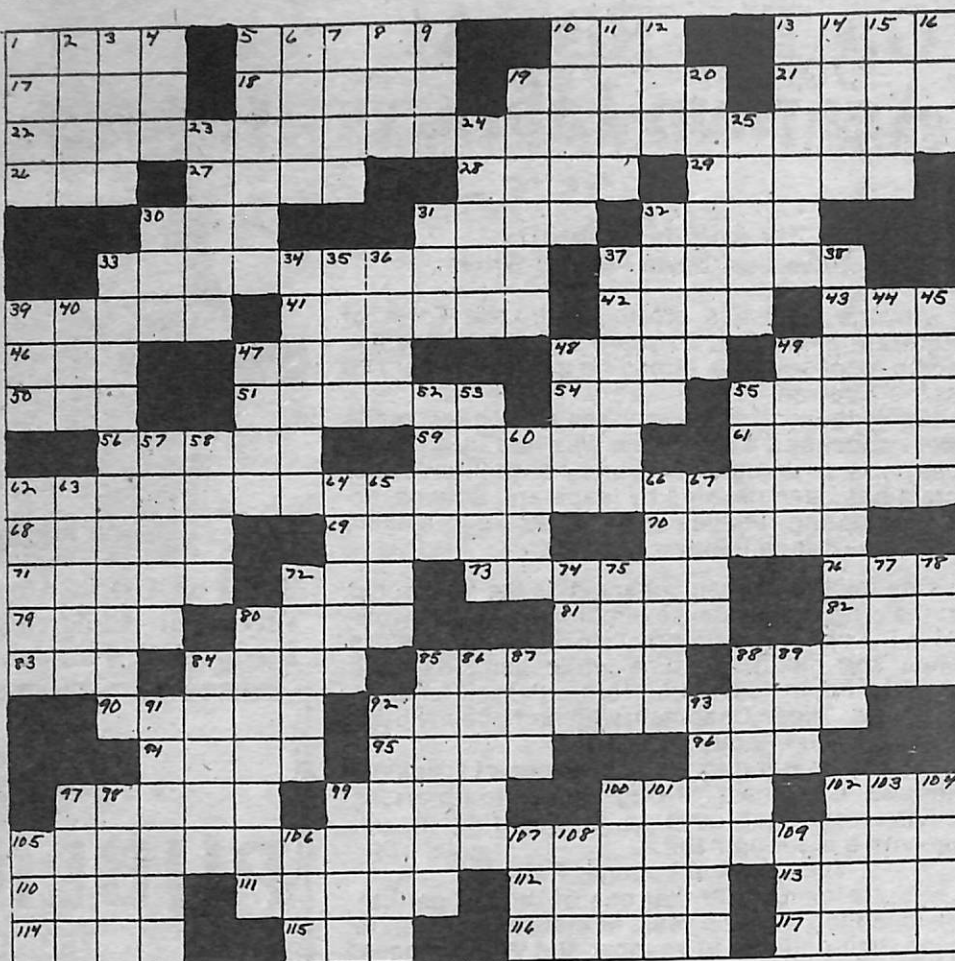
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14 Seed covering  
15 Subterfuge  
16 Old English letter  
19 Most unblemished  
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23 Irish poet/dramatist  
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30 Apple pie maker?  
31 Menlo Park initials  
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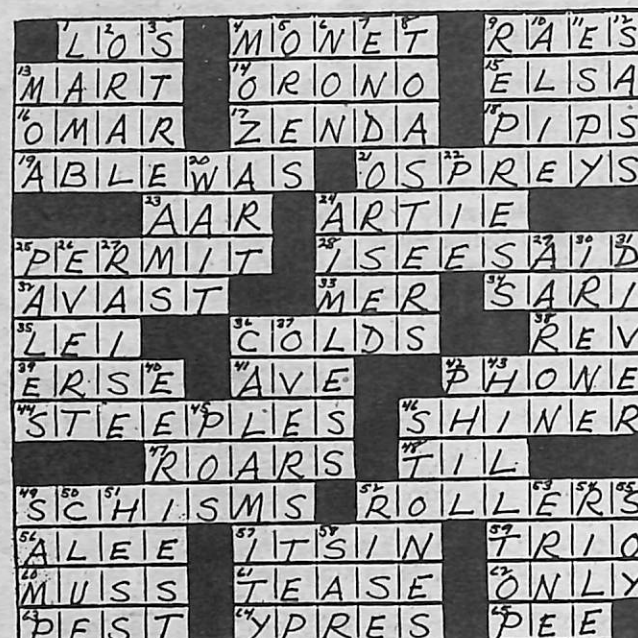
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# Children Readers On The Rise At Agawam Library

by Angela Baggetta  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Anyone who has grown up in the Town of Agawam in the last 20 years or so probably has some recollection of attending a story hour or two at the Agawam Public Library.

Back then, a story was read, perhaps crafts were done, and a good time was had by all. In recent years, though, the library's children's program has been growing by leaps and bounds, accommodating families of the 1990's and making use of new technology.

One thing that hasn't changed is the leadership of the program. Jeanne Hofmann has been involved in the children's program since the early 1970's when she did it part-time while her kids were growing up. In 1987, Mrs. Hofmann took on an assistant, Eileen Chapman, who had already been working at the library as a clerk.

"We try to bring to the kids a love of reading," said Ms. Chapman. "If they go to the library as children and get used to it, hopefully it will become a life-long habit."

## Younger And Younger Patrons

Mrs. Hofmann said that one of the things that has changed over the years is that people want to bring their children at younger and younger ages. "We used to start with children at three-and-a-half years old," she said, "and now we have them coming in at 18 months."

The children this young do not have story hours, but play groups. "They don't have the attention span for a story," said Mrs. Hofmann, "and now we have a much bigger variety of materials—videos, books, CD's, and puzzles. People want to know why we aren't reading to them, but it's important that they have pre-reading activities to get them ready for the story hours."

Story hours for the older children are also changing. A typical program, said Ms. Chapman, consists of a story read aloud, a video or a filmstrip, a craft, and maybe singing. In this way, she said, the kids get to experience literature in many media. The staff also tries to tie everything together; for example, an entire program on color.

Programs are regularly scheduled for children ages three to five because they are good with their own age group, said Ms. Chapman. Mrs. Hofmann and Ms. Chapman also schedule one or two programs each month that are either in the evening or on a weekend for the whole family to attend. Ms. Chapman said that the family programs are very popular. "The kids are so proud to show their parents the crafts they've made, there's a lot of energy," she said. Mrs. Hofmann also noted that these programs are seeing more caregivers and fathers bringing children than in the past.

The library staff is also trying to reach the older children in other ways. Ms. Chapman said that she and Mrs. Hofmann try to go to the local schools at least once a month because not as many older children are going to the library as in the past. "We think it is because of the wide variety of other after-school activities," she said. They also plan on visiting the Stay and Play Programs (for children who otherwise would be "latchkey kids") after school.

The library also tries to raise awareness of its programs by mailing out to all the schools a flier about all of the programs coming up. It is also available at the library. Parents can sign up their children either in person or over the phone a week or two before the program takes place. The only thing they ask, said Ms. Chapman, is that the children be Agawam residents.

## Month-Long Program

Currently, there is a month-long program going on. If a child reads three books, they are written on a paper snowman which will be used to decorate the library's entrance hall. The kids also get a "cool" (as in temperature, as well as "groovy") reward for their efforts.

There is an on-going craft-in-the-hall during certain hours when kids will be able to build snow castles using toothpicks and packing peanuts. There is an Unbirthday Party (where everyone's birthday is celebrated without it being anyone's birthday) and a showing of the movie "Casper" as the January features.

Ms. Chapman said that she and Mrs. Hofmann come up with many ideas on their own, or hear of them from other librarians, books, magazines, and suggestions from the public.

While not all of the events are wildly popular, said Ms. Chapman, it's gratifying to work with the kids because "they are so honest with their reactions. Sometimes it's hard to be creative, but it's always fun," she said.



**TWO GOOD REASONS** why the children's programs at the Agawam Public Library are so successful - Children's Librarian Jeanne Hofmann (left) and assistant Eileen Chapman. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## Education

# Earlier Starting Times At AHS & Jr. High Maintain State's Minimum In-School Time

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

By starting school about 10 minutes earlier and adjusting passing time between some class periods, the School Department was able to meet the state's minimum requirement for the school day at the Junior High and High School for this academic year.

The minimum number of 990 hours of instruction for secondary school students at Agawam's secondary schools is enough to satisfy the state.

But the Superintendent of Schools isn't satisfied. Bernard F. Ryder said he wants all students in Agawam Schools to spend more time in learning.

"I can't accept minimums," Ryder said. "I don't want our education system to say to parents, 'We'll give your children a minimum education.'"

Even before stricter state mandates for the amount of time students spend in structured learning time go into effect in September 1997, Ryder is looking at several ways to add time to the school day without tacking on time to the beginning or end of the school day.

Ryder said offering more than the minimum requirement would create a positive spirit of doing more, with the end result being increased education for the benefit of the students and society as a whole.

Using seven minutes as an example, Ryder said adding seven minutes a day would result in a gain of 21 hours of instruction each year for the students. These students will be faced with mandatory state assessment testing in grades four, eight, and 10 beginning with a trial test in the spring of 1997. In 1998, the first real test will be administered.

"The eighth graders who take the test in 1998 will be the first class who will be required to pass the standards as 10th graders in order to graduate from high school," Ryder said. "Anyone who fails the test as a 10th grader will receive remedial work in the 11th and 12th grades, but they cannot graduate until they pass the test."

Although Agawam's elementary schools will meet the state requirements for time in learning, Ryder said additional instructional time could be

built in by eliminating one recess period each day.

In order to meet the 990 hours of required instructional time (which does not include homeroom, passing, recess, lunch, or unstructured study periods) in September 1997, the Junior High can either convert to a Middle School or do away with study periods, Ryder said.

**Feasibility Of Converting The Junior High School**  
Ryder said a committee is studying the feasibility of converting the Junior High into a middle school operation (more in keeping with current educational thinking).

Ryder said if the Junior High became a middle school, the required time in learning would be 900 hours, the same as for elementary schools.

Typically, a middle school has teachers working in teams of five teachers to about 120 students. The teachers are able to adjust the scheduling of instructional time to better meet the needs of both teachers and students in covering the subjects being taught, he said.

At the High School, one way of solving the problem of adding an hour of instructional time would be to convert study halls into learning centers by using computer generated curricula. This is designed to be used as reinforcement and remediation, or as academic classes for students wishing to take a sixth course, according to him.

Ryder said the cost for the computer stations, software, and tutors to oversee the program

would be less than the cost of extending the school day.

In addition to the added costs of paying teachers for working longer hours, extending the school day would likely result in approximately \$180,000 in added transportation costs each year, Ryder said.

Ryder said the cost of purchasing the computers and software could be dealt with through a bond issue, through the regular school budget, or through the support of business and industry.

"For example, the Berkshire Power offer of \$200,000 per year for community and educational projects would certainly offset an expense of this nature," Ryder said.

Ryder said the time in learning aspect of the state's educational reform package will have the most impact and produce the most benefits for students by changing the school day and the style of teaching.

Ryder said a time in learning committee of school administrators, members of the teachers' union, and School Committee members has been formed to look into ways for Agawam to meet the state mandate of structured instructional time by September 1997.

"I exempted myself from the committee so that I could lean on both sides (administration and union)," Ryder said.

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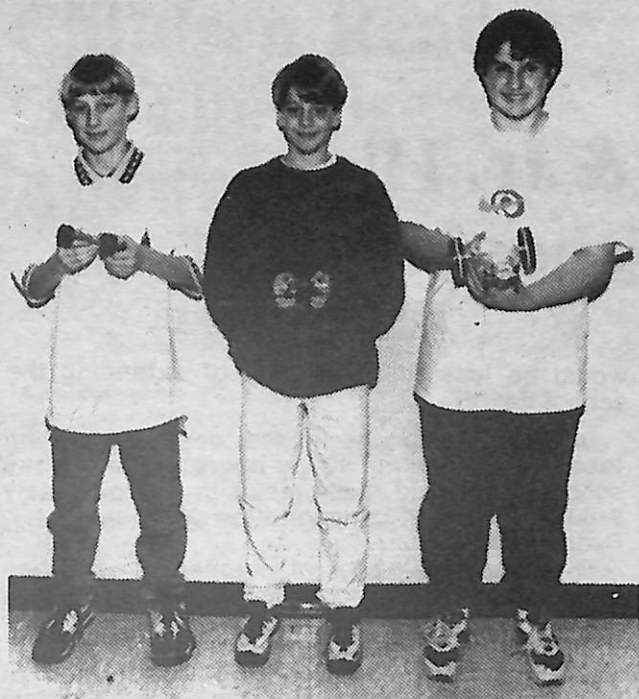
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**HOLDING THEIR WINNING CARS** entered in the Annual Indy Banana Race Competition at the Jr. High are (top photo) Brandon Donovan, 1st; Aaron Gilbert, 2nd; and Laura Bucalo, 3rd. IN PHOTO BELOW, Nicole Sausville and Janet Jock were given the "Most Creative Awards" for their cars entered during "Science Week" at the school. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## Lorin Masotti On STCC Dean's List

Johanna, Jenelle, and Anthony Masotti of 81 Senator Avenue, Agawam are proud to announce that their mom, Lorin, made the Dean's List again at Springfield Technical Community College. "Our mom is in the Occupational Technical Assistant program and has a 3.92 average. Not only is she very smart, but she is the greatest mom," said her children.

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**FINALISTS IN THE INDY BANANA RACE COMPETITION** at the Agawam Junior High included Emily Norris, Bryan Lavin, Lionel Nunez, Adam Mounemneh, Candace Bouthiller, Megan Gaffney, Shawn Burger, and Jared Kulaga. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Jr. High Celebrates "Science Week" With Annual Indy Banana Race Competition

The seventh annual Indy Banana Races were held last week between science rooms 234 and 235 at the Agawam Junior High School to celebrate Science and Technology.

In this contest, participants build a racing vehicle for a banana powered by two number 16 rubber bands. The winning vehicle is the one that can carry the banana the longest distance on a straight course.

Creativity is encouraged. This year, students made chassis out of such diverse items as bottles, cans, spools, and shoes. The awards for the most creative cars were given to Nicole Sausville,

who used coat hangers, and Janet Jock, who used wiffle balls for wheels and a sandal for a base.

Brandon Donovan was the grand prize winner with a racer that traveled 49 feet. Aaron Gilbert came in second, and Laura Bucalo had the third-place car.

Other finalists included Shawn Burger, Adam Mounemneh, Lionel Nunez, Bryan Lavin, Megan Gaffney, Jared Kulaga, Emily Norris, and Candace Bouthiller.

Teachers Mrs. Basile and Mrs. Shugrue would like to thank Milton Bradley and Games and Lanes for contributing prizes for the winners.

## John A. Davison Named By Clarkson Univ. As 1995 "Presidential Scholar"

John A. Davison, son of Mrs. Anna Davison, 9 Halladay Drive, Feeding Hills, has been named a Presidential Scholar for the fall 1995 semester at Clarkson University. Presidential Scholars must achieve a minimum 3.80 grade-point average (GPA) and carry at least 14 credit hours.

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## Kristina M. Galarneau Named To Dean's List At UMass At Amherst

Kristina M. Galarneau, daughter of Anthony F. and Linda M. Galarneau, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1995 fall semester at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Kristina is a 1992 Honors graduate of Agawam High School and is currently a senior at UMass. She is a pre-med Biology/Psychology major and has a concentration in physiology.

This past semester, Kristina completed her Honors research in neuroendocrinology and is currently preparing to write her undergraduate thesis.

Kristina is a member of the Golden Key and Mortar Board Honor Societies, sings in the Honors a cappella group, is president of BioSci (the biology society for undergraduates), and is a member of the University Productions and Concerts (UPC) group on campus.

## Stephen P. Decoteau Named To Dean's List At Alfred University

Stephen P. Decoteau, a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Alfred University, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 1995 semester. Students on the Dean's List are those who have earned a 3.3 or better grade-point average for the semester.

Decoteau, a Physics/French major, is a graduate of Agawam High School. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Patrick Decoteau of Feeding Hills.

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## Agawam & Feeding Hills Residents Named To Fall's Dean's List At STCC

Area residents who have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1995 semester at Springfield Technical Community College have been announced by Dean of Student Services William M. Manzi.

The Dean's List is published each semester to recognize above-average academic performance. Students carrying a full-time course load of 12 or more semester hours, who achieve a quality point average of 3.3 or above, are placed on the Dean's List.

**Agawam residents** named to the Dean's List are Karyn D'Amario, Kenneth Fisher, Kevin Gillette, Christina Gusek, Cheryl Johnston, Argirios Kaitis, Anthony Maggi, David Mailloux, Elizabeth Marzano, Lorin Masotti, Scott Mertz, Kevin O'Connor,

Michael Poggi, Scott Rapacki, Aaron Schmaelzie, Mary Sheehan, Jeffrey Sheltra, Anthony Tassone, and Theodore Yurika.

**Feeding Hills residents** named to the Dean's List are Susan Briotta, Francis Collins, Andrew Gibson, Jamie Giordano, Harvey Kendall, Christopher Langdon, Jennifer McElligott, Gregory Quink, Robin Sumner, Marlene Turner, Cristy Wassung, and Beth Wheeler.

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**Wednesday, January 31st:** Hamburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, seasoned carrots, peach macaroni, milk.

**Thursday, February 1st:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets with honey or dipping sauce, seasoned peas & carrots, wheat bread & butter, cranberry sauce, "fresh Washington Apple," milk.

**Friday, February 2nd:** Oven-baked sea nuggets, oven French fries with catsup, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, ice cream cup or chilled peaches, milk.

\* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1/per day or \$5/per week.

**NOTE:** Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: **The Agawam School Lunch.**

## Town Residents Attain Dean's List Honors At Bay Path College

The following area students have attained dean's list standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path College.

From Agawam: **Theresa A. Fassnacht** of River Road, a continuing education student at the college, she is enrolled in the Psychology Program. A dean's list student previously, she also belongs to the college's Maroon Key Honor Society.

**Angela April Hayward**, daughter of Paula and Larry Montagna of Meadow Street, Agawam. A dean's list student previously, she also belongs to the college's Maroon Key Honor Society. A member of the sophomore class, she is enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Program.

**Jennifer A. Plyler**, daughter of Shirley Plyler of North Alhambra Circle is a member of the freshman class and enrolled in the Accounting Program.

**Carol Anne Seitz**, daughter of Mary Ann Seitz of Corey Colonial, Agawam, and Timothy R. Seitz of Enfield, is a member of the freshman class and enrolled in the Fashion Merchandising and Retail Management Program.

**Dawn Marie Smelstor**, daughter of Joseph and Helaine Smelstor of Fernwood Drive, Agawam, is a member of the senior class and is enrolled in the Psychology/Early Childhood Education Program. A dean's list student previously, she also belongs to the college's Maroon Key Honor Society.

From Feeding Hills: **Brigitte V. Labbe**, daughter of Sharon Riley of Paul Revere Drive, was also elected to the college's Maroon Key Honor Society. Maroon Key membership is achieved by attaining dean's list standing for two semesters. A member of the junior class, she is enrolled in the Legal Studies Program.

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by Judith Cohen  
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**March 14th** - Scholarship Fair. Scholarships available for seniors.

**April 25th** - Junior Night. Information night for parents of juniors.

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Seniors - Please inform your counselor when you receive a college acceptance.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** - See your counselor for more information.

**Mensa Education Scholarship** - Judgement will be made on the basis of a creative essay of 500 words which describes the applicant's career, vocational and/or academic goals. It is not necessary to be a member of Mensa. **Deadline: January 31, 1996.**

**Order Sons of Italy of Massachusetts Scholarship** - Twenty \$500 scholarships will be awarded including one to a qualified art student, one to a qualified music student, both of whom intend to pursue their education at an accredited school of art or music. One award will be granted to a qualified student planning to pursue his/her education at an accredited vocational/technical

school. Four awards will be granted to qualified students regardless of race, creed, or national origin who are Massachusetts residents. The remainder of the scholarships will be awarded to members of the Junior Division of the Grand Lodge, Sons of Italy, or children of members of the Grand Lodge. Awards are limited to members of the senior class of any secondary school and will be awarded on the basis of scholastic ability, character, and extracurricular activities. **Deadline: March 1, 1996.**

**Hampden County Improvement League Scholarship** - This award has been established to provide financial assistance to deserving students who reside in Hampden County and have a current or previous involvement in a agriculture endeavor. The applicant must be a resident of Hampden County for at least two years. **Deadline: April 1, 1996.**

**Springfield Association of Life Underwriters Scholarship** - This scholarship will be awarded to a student who has lost a parent through death or have a parent who is disabled, defined by the parent collecting Social Security Disability benefits. **Deadline: March 1, 1996.**

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**United Italian American Societies and Clubs of Greater Springfield, Christopher Columbus Scholarship** - Awards are available to high school seniors of Italian extraction who have been accepted at an accredited college. **Deadline: May 15, 1996.**

**George and Virginia Melconian Scholarship** - Applicants for this scholarship will be judged on the following criteria: personal interview, financial need, acceptance at an accredited post-secondary school, and two letters of recommendation. **Deadline: April 30, 1996.**

**COLLEGE MINI FAIR:** West Springfield High School, January 31st, 7:00 p.m.

## Andrew Clark Named To Dean's List At Assumption College In Worcester

Dr. Paul R. Douillard, Dean of the Undergraduate College at Assumption College in Worcester, MA, has announced that Andrew Clark was among the students who were named to the Dean's List for the fall 1995 semester.

The son of James and Susan Clark of 72 Witheridge Street in Feeding Hills, Andrew is an English major and is a member of the class of 1998. He is fourth in his class out of 432 students, and his G.P.A. is 4.0.

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## Brownie Troop 580 Staying Very Active



**GIVING THE BROWNIE SCOUT SIGN** are Troop 580 members Becky Lewis, Glenna Brooks, Erin Zaczynski, and Ashley-Anne Wolos while delivering a food basket to the Open Pantry.



**BROWNIE TROOP 580**, first graders from Phelps School, are shopping for a food basket they gave to Open Pantry (bought with their dues) at Super Stop & Shop.



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The food was placed in a box decorated by the Troop for a "Needy Family." Four of the girls delivered the box to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

We're very proud of our girls and we want them to know they did a great job learning about nutrition, meal planning, shopping, and experiencing the rewards of giving from the heart!

Brownie Troop 583 consists of Gina Bertolozzi, Camille Brooks, Julie Czuprynski, Emily Greaney, Toni Harnois, Jenelle Masotti, Jaclyn O'Neill,

Angela Pandolfi, Kelli Sullivan, and Amber Taylor.

The girls have had a busy year so far. For a fun and useful project, they used paints, glitter, etc. to decorate mini tote bags for storing their craft supplies.

They've also tried their hands at baking by making gingerbread people. Each girl decorated and then ate her own gingerbread creation. They sure were yummy!

For a service project, the Troop decorated the birthday board at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in November.

Another meeting took us to Games and Lanes in Agawam for an afternoon of bowling.

Lastly, for Christmas, we hammered country tart pans for gifts for the girls' families. We are eagerly looking forward to many activities in 1996!

In spite of the severe weather forcing Clark Daisy Troop 568 to cancel some of our winter meetings, we've still managed to "fit-in" some winter fun!

To help get in the Holiday spirit, the girls decorated Christmas cookies to share with their families. They also hand-made wooden snowmen and wrapped them to give as family gifts for Christmas.

On Saturday, January 6th, we went on a field trip to Laughing Brook for Daisy Discovery Day. The girls had a great time as they were guided through several activities relating to the World of Nature. The trip was a huge success enjoyed by everyone!



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## Sports

# Brownie Girls Use OT To Take-Out Terriers, 74-72

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

It was a thriller Michael Jackson didn't write. It was penned instead, to the beat of running feet and the quick pounding of leather on polished hardwood.

It ran to the rhythm of whistles, buzzers, yells, and screams. The chorus was provided by the cheers and sometimes, jeers of the fans.

It was another renewal of the great and long rivalry between Agawam and West Springfield. This time the vehicle was girls' basketball. The visiting Agawam High Brownies won it last Friday night, in overtime, 74-72.

It was Agawam's sixth straight win. It was West Side's first defeat after eight victories in a row.

"That was probably one of the greatest high school basketball games I've ever seen," Agawam Coach Lou Conte said after it was over. More appropriate words are rarely spoken.

This was a gut check game for the Brownies in a couple ways. First, they were playing one of the best teams in Western Mass. - a team that beat them 52-50 at Kibbe gym back on December 22nd. This win showed they are as good as anyone.

Secondly, in their last five wins, the Brownies haven't really been tested. It wasn't that they were playing tomato cans. Agawam was simply, in the words of Conte, "improving with every game we play."

West Side is a taller team than Agawam. The Brownies knew how to negate that Terrier advantage - by running what they usually run, a trapping full court press, which doesn't allow much opportunity for any kind of a half-court offense by an opponent.

West Side started out in a 2-1-2 zone, daring the Brownies to shoot over it. It worked for a time. The Brownies seemed content to drive to the hole. It was obvious that sophomore guard Kristen Patterson (18 points, including two threes, 6-12, 5 rebounds) and freshman forward Barbara Maloni (26 points, 6-7) were going to run the offense with fearless abandon.

"I was counting on our front line girls to get the ball out as fast as they could, to either me or Kristen," Maloni noted. "They did a great job," she added. Maloni's 26 was the game high.

### Turnovers A Curse For Visitors

The Terriers had some dominators under the boards. Kate Donahue (18 points, 14 rebounds) and Colleen McCaffrey (16 points, 2-3, 13 rebounds) contributed to a West Side 15-6 rebounding edge in the first half. But they couldn't shake the curse that spells doom for many teams - turnovers. They had six with 10:11 to go. The Brownies converted on five of them. The Terriers would have 15 in the half (compliments of the Brownie press). Agawam had eight.

At the 9:50 mark Pia Bertone-Gross (7 points, 1-2, 5 rebounds), who plays that position like a hardened veteran rather than the freshman she is, hit a smooth as silk jumper in the lane to make it 11-6, Agawam.

Senior guard Courtnie Hyland (9 points, 1-2, 4 rebounds), the veteran team leader, added two more with 9:10 to go. Suddenly, it was 13-6, Agawam.

West Side must have gotten the wake-up call. Because from 8:35-7:30, they scored seven straight points to make it 14-13, Agawam.

Then they committed three straight turnovers in the next three minutes. Agawam scored on every one of them and led 21-18 at the 4:40 mark.

West Side got its first lead of the game, 22-21, with 3:55 left on a McCaffrey hoop.

West Side was still in their zone. Amber Conte (4 points, 2 rebounds), Sarah Cote (6 points, 2-3, 2 rebounds), and Patterson kept probing that defense with crisp, quick passes. Then they pressed on the outlet pass.

One problem the Brownies had was setting up their "man" defense off the press. West Side took advantage of that with some fast break hoops down the stretch. That enabled the Terriers to lead at the half, 32-27.

The Brownies went 12-26 (46 percent) and 5-10 (50 percent) from the line.

The Terriers shot 16-22 (72 percent) from the floor. They had no chances from the line. Their 15 turnovers and Agawam's 10 point conversions off of them kept the Brownies in the game.

### A Bit Of A Turnaround

The second half was a bit of a turnaround. Agawam came out in a 2-1-2. West Side showed a



**MEMBERS OF THE 1995-96 Agawam High girls' varsity basketball team are currently 7-2 at presstime and ranked third overall in Western Mass. Division I hoop. Team members are, back row, from left - Lisa Reveruzzi, Jamie Thomas, Pia Bertone-Gross, Sarah Cote, Melissa Cote, and Jennie Vangys. Front row - Amber Conte, Kristen Patterson, Courtnie Hyland, Steph Biza, and Barbara Maloni. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

press. And there was a mini-war going on under the boards between Agawam's Jamie Thomas (4 points, 0-1, 5 rebounds) and West Side's Alyson Parrish (6 points, 5 rebounds). That battle for rebounding turf was a show in itself.

Maloni and Patterson, shooting like pros, tied it at 36 with a minute gone.

West Side's Krista DiCarlo drained a three and a two to make it 41-36, Terriers.

Agawam tried to slow down the action. Patterson, Conte, and Cote put the brakes on at the 10:13 mark when they were behind, 41-38. That strategy allowed the Brownies to regroup.

Then, after that brief respite, it got wild again. There was no defense. Both teams had decided they were going to win this one by running the other club into the wood.

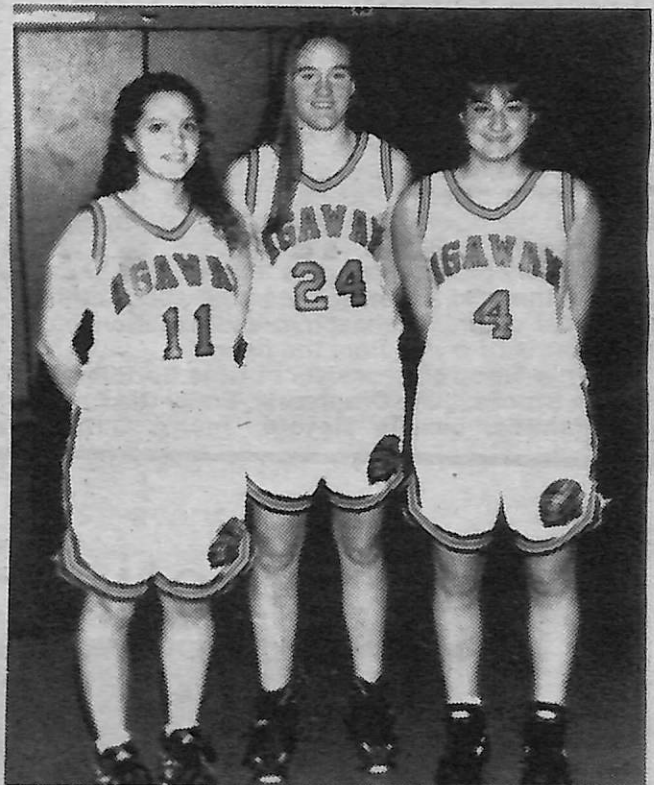
West Side went to the boards. They would have 20 rebounds in the half. Ten were offensive. They would sink seven of them. Agawam, out-gunned in that category, would have 14. Six were on the offensive side. They could only convert one.

But the Brownies have players all down the line-up. They came within one, 48-47, on hoops by Bertone-Gross and Hyland with six minutes left.

Patterson's first three of the evening put the Brownies up 50-48 with 5:22 left. There were no prisoners to be taken in this one. The Brownie faithful, out in force, were screaming - "defense, defense!"

It was 52-44 at 2:57.

DiCarlo threw up a three at the 2:16 mark, and it was 55-54, West Side.



**1995-96 CAPTAINS** for the Agawam High girls' varsity basketball team are, from left - Courtnie Hyland, Jamie Thomas, and Steph Biza. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**GIRLS' HOOP - from Page 28...**

Jamie Thomas, dealing with the Terrier muscle down low, grabbed a Hyland miss and put it in. With 1:50 left, Agawam led, 56-55.

A Patterson steal, coupled with one from Thomas and another from Patterson (and a drive for a basket), put the Brownies up 61-56, with 50 seconds left in regulation time.

**Into Overtime**

West Side would send this one into overtime on a bunch of prayers. DiCarlo, who didn't score point one in the first half, started to throw up no-brainers from all over the place. She had four three-pointers in the final 16 minutes.

DiCarlo launched a bank shot for three with five seconds left to send it into overtime.

Regulation ended, 64-all.

Agawam came out in the overtime believing they should have won it after 32 minutes of supreme effort.

It was a four minute war. Bertone-Gross hit a 'J' from the left side with 50 seconds gone. The Brownies were going low to her. She hit the back side of a one-and-one 30 seconds later. Maloni, on a nice give-and-go from Patterson, owned the lane for two.

Patterson got hacked and hit two-for-two. McCaffrey fouled out on that play.

It was 71-64 Agawam when West Side hit its first field goal with 1:07 left to play.

Hyland went to the line and drained one of two. West Side's Becky Donahue nailed a three with 49 seconds left to make it 73-69, Brownies.

Now the Terriers were fouling everyone in sight. They fouled the wrong person, Patterson, in the overtime period. She hit 4-6.

West Side's Becky Donahue made it interesting with a three at the 30 second mark. And West Side had the ball inbound with one second left, trailing 74-72.

They got it to Parrish on the inbound pass. She couldn't hit the jumper.

The second half stats in the Agawam win looked like this:

Agawam hit 15-22 (68 percent) from the field in regulation, and 2-2 in the overtime period. They went 4-5 from the line in regulation. They won it in overtime because West Side had to foul. And the Brownies dropped 6-10 from the stripe.

West Springfield went 4-11 on the field goal side in overtime.

The Terriers lost because they couldn't handle the Brownie press.

In the end, Agawam had 21 turnovers. West Side had 26. The Brownies picked up 20 points on the Terrier mistakes. West Side could manage only 10.

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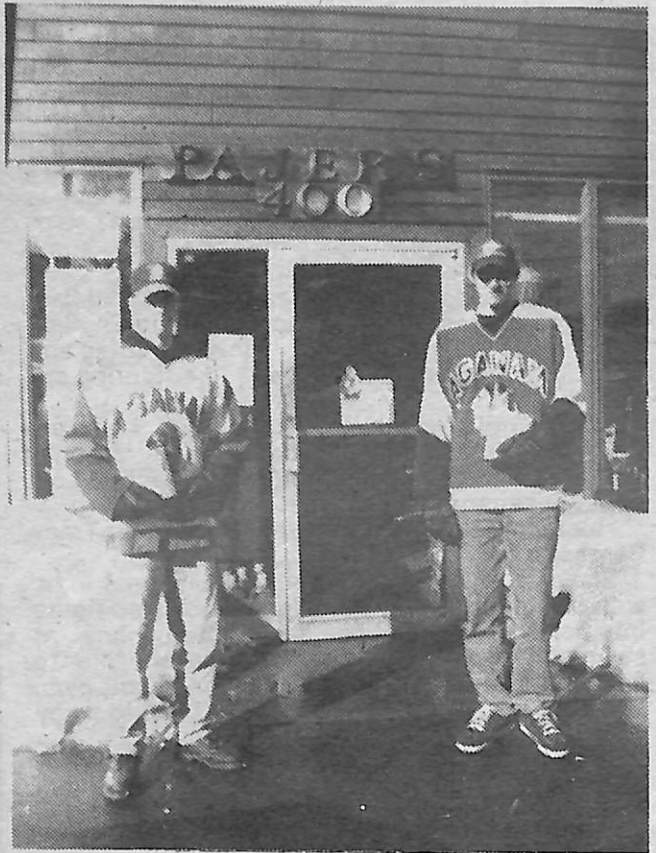
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## Rachel Niemiec Only Senior On Agawam High's Girls' Swim Team

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' swimming team is young. They have only one senior. She is 17 year-old Rachel Niemiec. Recently, she took some time out to talk about herself.

She likes attending Agawam High School. Her favorite courses there are Algebra II and English. She says of the math course, "I love factoring and equations. I guess it's because I like figuring out things."

"I like English because I like to write. I also enjoy poetry and reading," she said. Her favorite author is Lois Duncan. According to Rachel, Lois writes "teenage books."

Her favorite instructor is English teacher Tracy Farnham.

She also enjoys school because she gets to be with her friends every day. Her friends also figure into her spare time. When she's not in school, at swimming practice, or in competition, she likes to hang out with them at the mall or in the gym. "Sometimes, though," she added, "I like to be by myself."

Then there's her dog, Rosie. "I like to walk her when I get a chance," she said. What kind of dog is Rosie—a pure bred with papers? "No," Rachel revealed, "she's a 12 year-old mutt."

Her tastes in music cover just about everything—from country to rock. Her favorite artist is Michael Bolton.

Her favorite color is blue.

"Man In The Moon" is her favorite movie. She favors "Beverly Hills 90210" on the tube.

Rachel isn't too particular when it comes to her transportation. Some kids dream of tooling around town in a hot sports car or a macho four wheel drive rig. Not Rachel. "I like what I have now, my '88 Honda Prelude," she laughed.

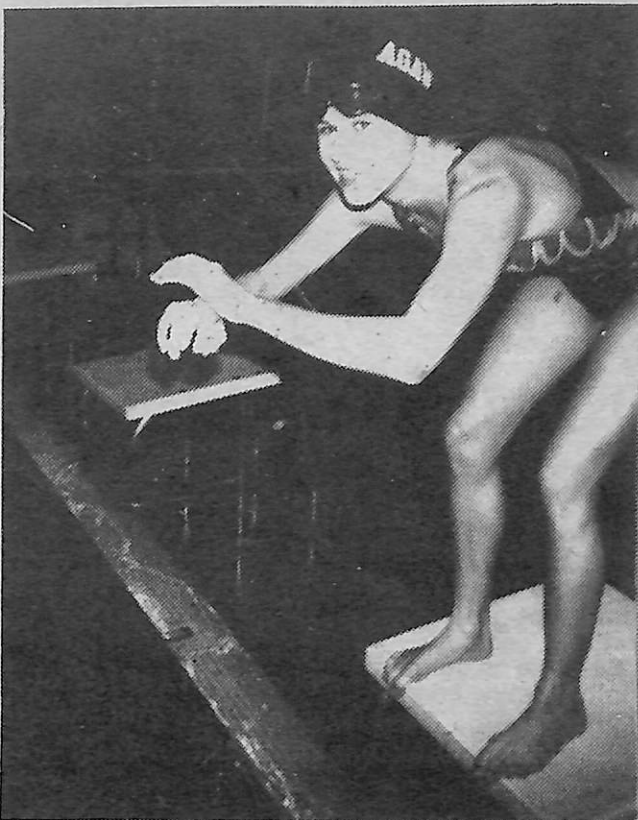
Rachel collects shoes. The shoes dictate what she wears. "I try to coordinate my wardrobe to my shoes. There are so many different kinds. It's fun."

What about food? "I like baby food, especially all the fruit ones," she admits. Her favorite meal, though, is Fettuccine Alfredo. "My mom really makes it so good," she says.

Her mom's name is Laura. "She's a homemaker," Rachel says. Her dad, John, works for UPS. She has a brother, Alan, who attends Daniel Webster College in New Hampshire. He's training to be a pilot.

Why did she choose to be a swimmer? "It's good exercise for the whole body. And I love being in or under the water," she said.

Her best disciplines in the sport are the crawl and the backstroke. Her most memorable accomplishment as a swimmer was being a member of the Agawam 200 freestyle relay team that broke a state record last year.



**AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR RACHEL NIEMIEC** is all smiles before jumping into the Jr. High pool to begin practice last week.

Rachel has plans for college after her high school days are over. "I've been contacted by Plymouth State in New Hampshire. They have a good swimming program there." Then she added, "My mom is dealing with all the details at this point."

Rachel still has a lot more swimming to do for the Brownies. And it's a pretty good bet that she will appear in the Western Mass. Tournament at season's end.

## Daggett Gymnasts At National Tourney

January 6th and 7th (Saturday and Sunday) were the dates of New England's premiere two-day gymnastics meet at the Springfield College Arena: the Tim Daggett National Invitational.

This was the first meet of its kind of the 1996 Olympic Year and featured top athletes from around the country (with men's competition from levels six through Elite). It was also a Qualifying Meet in all divisions for the 1996 Winter Cup Challenge.

At the Junior Elite Class I level, Andrew Leis won First All-Around. In Class II (ages 14-15), David LeClair was Third on Parallel Bars; Darren Morace won All-Around Fourth Place; and John Szymczyk placed Second All-Around. The Class II Team Champion Trophy went to these boys as well.

In Class III (ages 14-15), Mathieu Perry won the First Place All-Around honors, as his teammates Jamey Houle and Patrick McFarlin (ages 12-13 group) won Second and Fourth Place, respectively. The Class III Team Champion trophy went to these Daggett boys as well.

At Class IV (ages 10-11), Steven Gaudette won Third Place All-Around.

In the Class VI team results, the youngest members of the Daggett Team gained valuable experience and brought home a number of honors as well. In the 12-13 age group, Daniel Messier came away with Third-Place All-Around, while Jeff Krok took individual Fourth Place in both Floors and Bars and Third Place in Pommel Horse. In the 10-11 age group, Alex Smith won Sixth Place on High Bar, and Drew Ignatto scored 25.5 with his best event in Rings (5.1).

The 7-9 age group showed class and poise in its first major competition. Mark Parzych won 11th Place All-Around, and his teammates all gave solid performances. Brett Ringie won Fifth Place on Vault. Darren Parzych won Eighth Place on Rings. Corey Arbelaez scored an All-Around 27.0, and showed great potential for the future.

Whip City Gymnastics in Southwick was the setting for the latest meet for the youngest of the Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics Girls' Team.

This local meet was a Sectional Qualifier, which allows girls scoring at least 31.0 All-Around to advance to the next level of competition. Eight of the 10 girls competing qualified, further supporting their coaches' belief that they are among the many rising stars at Daggett Gymnastics.

The Qualifiers are: Jan Carlson (33.65 and 9.25 on Bars); Lisa DiRosa (33.2 and 9.1 on Floor); Rebecca Langlands (32.9 and 8.8 on Beam); Michelle Guillerault (32.65 and 8.9 on Floor); Marjorie Moriarty (32.1 and 9.2 on Floor); Kellyn Palladino (31.5 and 8.6 on Bars and Floor); Rachel Humphrey (31.4 and 8.55 on Beam); and finally, Christine Hill (31.4 and 8.5 on floor).

Abby Hazen (30.35 and 8.5 on Bars) and Desiree Boucher (29.75 and 7.55 on Bars) still have a chance to qualify for Sectionals at the next local meet.

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## Undermanned Swimmers At Agawam High Have Plenty Of Individual Talent

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High girls' swimming Coach Lynn Modzelesky stood at poolside last week at the Junior High and studied the competition -Chicopee Comprehensive. "Both our girls' and boys' teams have some fine swimmers. It's just that most of our opponents have three times the kids we have," she said.

Her observations seemed right on in this case. The Comp swimmers wear bright yellow caps. There were enough of them in the pool warming up to make it look like someone had dumped a bushel of lemons into the water.

However, the Colts' swim team is far from a bunch of lemons. Both the boys (last year's Western Mass. and B Division champs) and girls came in at 4-1. Each put another win in the left hand column when it was over. The boys were victorious, 113-54. The Comp girls prevailed, 103-67.

Agawam's fine boys' diver and an almost sure bet for the Western Mass. tournament, **Keith Paro**, won the diving competition. No one dove against him. But he would have still done well if he'd had some kids to push him.

He executed four dives and scored a 185.63. He wasn't too happy with it. He says he has to work on his back 1½ somersault from a tuck. "Sometimes I hit it, sometimes I don't," he admitted.

In the swimming events, Agawam had to scramble. The girls' 200 medley relay (backstroke, breaststroke, fly and crawl) saw the Brownies finish second.

In the same event, the boys' team, which has only eight swimmers, put Steve Bennett, Chad Ab-dow, Paro, and Matt Grych against three Comp teams. Agawam finished third and managed two points.

### A Good Battle

The girls' 200 free saw a good battle between Agawam's Bridget Donovan and Comp's Katie McLean. Bridget used a big kick at the end to win it.

Comp won the boys' 200 free. The Brownies'

Mike Robinson, out-sprinting a tiring Colt, grabbed second.

Agawam's Kristine Modzelesky made up some valuable time on her crawl stroke and managed to take a third in the girls' 200 individual medley.

The boys' side of that event showed the Brownies' weakness. Brandon Kilrain was the only Agawam entry against four Colts. He swam hard dna finished second to the Colts' Dan McLean.

The 50-yard sprint in swimming is like the 100-yard dash in track and field. All you need is speed and determination. Agawam managed a second. On the boys' side, Steve Bennett won by an arm's length in a time of 24:70. Keith Paro grabbed third.

At the intermission, the Comp girls were up, 39-23. The Comp boys led, 44-22.

One of the toughest events in competitive swimming came up next, the 100 butterfly. Agawam was represented on the girls' side by Eileen Daly and Kelly Robinson. Daly swam a gritty race, holding off the charge of Comp's Stefani DaHill for first place and eight points. Robinson took fourth.

Jonathan David had a good finishing kick in the boys' 100 fly to finish second.

Numbers hurt in the girls' 100 freestyle. Comp had four entered. Agawam had two. One of the two, Bridget Donovan, finished second.

Charlie Roberts finished third for the Brownies in the boys' 100 freestyle. He was up against four Comp swimmers. The scoring system in the sport goes 6 for first, 4 for second, 3 for third, 2 for fourth, and one for fifth place in the individual races. Charlie got four points. Even if he'd finished first, Comp would have still won the event.

### Longest Race Of The Day

Modzelesky, Shaunessy Egan, and Alicyn Siano swam the longest race of the day, the 500 freestyle. At the gun lap, both Modzelesky and Egan were swimming strong in second and third, respectively. That's how they finished.

Mike Robinson was the only Brownie swimmer

in the boys' 500 free. He started strong, fell to third on lap number nine of the 20 lap race, was third on the gun lap, and made a big push to finish second.

After this event, Comp led 68-42 on the girls' side and 73-35 in the boys' competition.

The 200 girls' freestyle relay saw the Brownie team of Brenna McGinn, Danielle DeForge, Siano, and Megumi Isogai swim a determined race to take second place.

Paro, Roberts, Kilrain, and Robinson also took second in the boys' 200 free.

It seemed second place was the favorite spot for most of the Brownie swimmers on this afternoon. They also knew a win wasn't in the cards for them. Comp just had too many bodies filling up every event.

The girls' 100 backstroke was the one race that saw the Brownies with an edge. They sent up Rachel Niemiec (the only senior on the girls' team), Daly, and Egan. Comp only had two swimmers in this one. The Colts finished first, however. Agawam took second and third.

Steve Bennett won the boys' backstroke in a time of 1:20:22.

DeForge was good enough for second in the girls' breaststroke.

The Brownies copped a nice win in the boys' breaststroke. Brandon Kilrain took the honors with a time of 1:07:44.

Both the girls and the boys took third in the 400 freestyle relay.

Agawam boys' Coach Dave Smith, who has been in the business for 25 years, looked back on the meet and observed, "We have to swim well to win. But you can't hit a homerun every meet out. Except for Brendon (Kilrain) in the hundred breaststroke, we didn't swim particularly well."

But he praised Keith Paro and Steve Bennett, and noted that Keith will get a chance to experience some tough diving competition when they travel to Amherst in a couple weeks.

The Brownie girls fall to 2-6. The boys are now 0-6.

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# Brownie Boys Overrun Greenies, 76-58

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

There's an old saying that goes: "Those who live by the sword, die by the sword." If we can take the liberty to put a spin on it to describe boys' basketball in these parts, it might read: "Those who live the run, die by the run."

So it is with the Agawam High boys' basketball team. They've run against just about all their opponents this season in ringing up their fifth win while trying to stay at the .500 mark. Last week they ran against three-time Suburban League champion and state Division II finalist Greenfield for that fifth win, taking the foot race, 76-58.

A running offense usually means a defense isn't going to have much time to set up. So it was in this one. Unfortunately for the Green Wave, who were running right along with the Brownies, they were getting no rewards for their efforts. With two minutes gone in the game, they had gone 0-8 from the field and were watching the Brownies go up 8-0 on 4-6 performance in the field goal department.

Early on, the Brownies were led by three guys who know how to run the running game—guard Todd Jorgensen (14 points, including two 3's, 2 rebounds), guard Chris Bitzas (11 points, including a 3, 2 rebounds), and forward Joe Albano (19 points, including two 3's, 4 rebounds).

They also had a couple guys who can, at times, control the boards at will—forward Phil McGeoghan (14 points, 2-2, 11 rebounds) and 6'5" center Dave Murphy (2 points, 5 rebounds).

After three minutes, Greenfield finally scored its first field goal to make the score 11-2, Brownies.

## A War Under The Hoop

Agawam emphasized their board work during an offensive flurry from the 10:20 to the 9:50 mark. During that time span, they had five offensive rebounds in a row. And though they weren't able to get any points off them, they served notice that it was going to be a war under the hoop.

Agawam was up 15-5 with 9:30 to go. Then, for some reason, both teams, in the helter-skelter scheme of things, seemed to forget where the basket was hung. They went almost four minutes without scoring any points at all. Things were sloppy, which didn't please either coach. But it was fast, which pleased the fans to no end.

Finally, at the 6:40 mark, Greenfield hit a field goal and began a comeback of sorts. Seconds after that shot, Jeremiah Haskell (17 points, including a 3, 2-3, 4 rebounds) hit a three, then drove the lane, got fouled, and drained the free throw. Agawam's lead was now down to 15-13. Alpha East (8 points, 1-3, 4 rebounds, 3 blocks) rejected a Murphy shot and a dunk by the 6'6" Greenfield center, at the other end, tied it up at 15 with 3:45 left.

Bitzas would not let that score stand. He came right back down the court and calmly nailed a

three. Agawam was up, 18-15.

Albano, who'd been practicing his three-point shot during the warm-ups, put the work to good use, hitting one with 1:22 to go. The Brownies were now up 26-15. Greenfield managed seven more points before the buzzer and the half ended, 26-22 Agawam. Generally, it wasn't a bad comeback for the Green Wave.

Agawam shot 11-29 (37 percent) from the floor and 1-3 (33 percent) from the line. They out-rebounded the Wave, 24-15, and made 11 turnovers.

Greenfield went 9-29 (31 percent) in the field goal department. They hit 3-9 (33 percent) from the stripe. They committed six turnovers.

The second half saw both teams in a man defense. Greenfield was trying to penetrate for the close hoop underneath. Agawam has one of the best one-on-one defenses in the league when they can set up. But they were in a full court press (what else is new?). That enabled East to score two quick, driving baskets to tie the score at 28 with 1:10 gone.

## Locals Take Back The Lead

Agawam got the lead back on a McGeoghan hoop and two free throws by Albano. Then, in a span of 20 seconds, from 13:55 to 13:37, scores by Jorgensen and McGeoghan put Agawam up, 36-28. The Brownie faithful began to sense a rout in the making.

McGeoghan, who didn't have point one in the first half, scored two more baskets off his own offensive rebounds to make it 40-28, Agawam with 12:21 left.

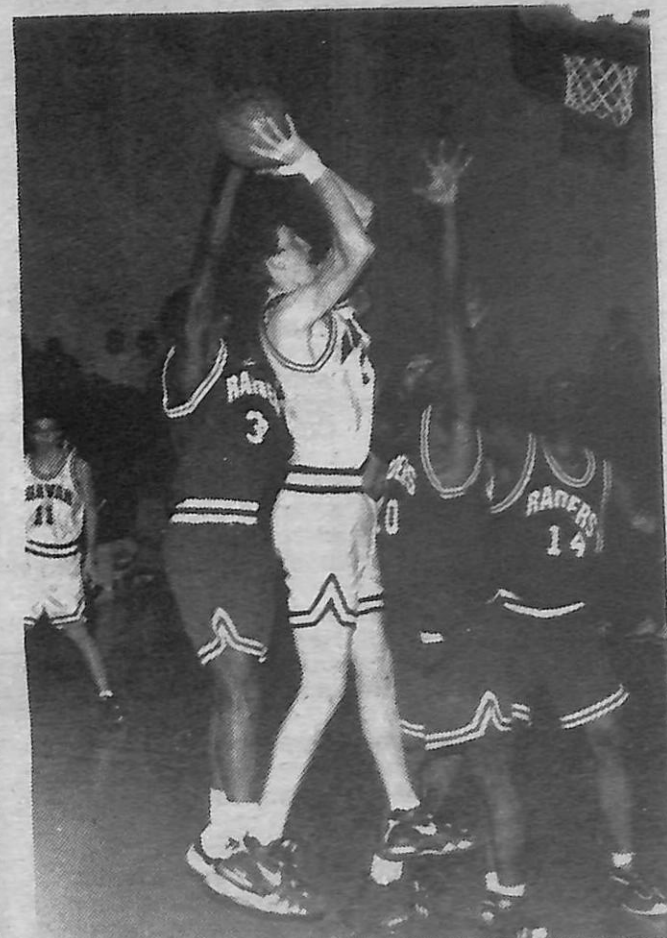
Greenfield scored four in an attempt at a mini-comeback. Albano nailed his second three of the game to make it 43-32, Brownies.

Then the Green Wave, which to that point had been content to play a half court game on defense, decided to press at the 10:19 mark.

That decision spelled heaven for Brian Menard (8 points, 2-3, 5 rebounds-4 offensive). The tough forward immediately got behind the scrambling Greenfield defense, pulled down two offensive boards, and put one back up to increase the Brownie lead to 45-36. Then, on the run, he cut hard from the left point to the hole and rung one up on a nice bounce pass from McGeoghan. It was now 47-36, Agawam.

But those pesky guys from way up north just wouldn't go away. Derrick Thomas and Haskell hit three's within 10 seconds of each other. The wave was now down by only five, 47-42. Haskell drained another three at the 7:50 mark. Suddenly, it was 47-45, Agawam.

The Brownies came back with four, including another offensive rebound and score by Menard. Then two three-pointers by Jorgensen and Nick Dion (5 points, 2 rebounds) made it 57-45, Brownies with four minutes to go. They never



**AGAWAM HIGH CENTER DAVE MURPHY** goes up against a trio of Commerce Red Raiders in recent action at AHS. Advertiser News

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looked back.

Agawam was beating the Greenfield press at will. They were running the floor like cheetahs after small game. Finally, the Green Wave simply broke up and washed back out to sea, taking with them an 0-8 record.

Numbers for the second half went all Agawam's way: 20-39 (51 percent) from the field; 7-12 (58 percent) at the line; and a 19-15 edge in rebounds. They had five turnovers.

Greenfield hit 11 field goals in 20 attempts (55 percent). They went 10-15 (66 percent) from the line. They also committed eight turnovers.

After the game, Albano spoke about the win and the Brownies' running style. "We have to work on our half court offense a bit. I think that's our only weakness."

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## Agawam AA Piranha Swimmers Lose Close Meet To Amherst Swimmers

The Agawam AA Piranhas swim team lost against the Amherst team by a score of 385-404 on January 13, 1996 at the Agawam Junior High School. The results included:

### Girls 8 & under:

The team of Johannah Kos, Julie Gorman, Leeann Morytko, and Jessica Lalli placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Tammy Gorman, Sarah Roos, Sarah Long, and Megan Lalli placed third.

Johannah Kos, first in the 100-yard individual medley; Julie Gorman, first, Katelyn Morytko, second, and Megan Lalli, third in 25-yard freestyle; Tammy Gorman, first in 25-yard butterfly; Jessica Lalli, first, and Tammy Gorman, second in 50-yard freestyle; Megan Lalli, second, and Rebecca Lewin, third in 25-yard backstroke; Leeann Morytko, first, and Caitlin Hurley, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 8 & under:

The team of Erik Deliefde, Jeffrey Lagasse, Shaun Bruso, and Benjamin Bruso placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

The team of Erik Deliefde, Benjamin Bruso, Jeffrey Lagasse, and Shaun Bruso placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.

Benjamin Bruso, first in 100-yard individual medley; James Lewin, first, and Matthew Weir, third in 25-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first in 25-yard butterfly; Matthew Weir, second, and Connor Dooley, third in 50-yard freestyle; Erik Deliefde, first, Adam Deliefde, second, and Connor Dooley, third in 25-yard backstroke; James Lewin, first, and Shaun Bruso, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 9-10:

The team of Katie Gorman, Bethany Reid, Brittany Theriaque, and Jillian Kos placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Allison Morris, Angela Vinton, Kristyn Ward, and Leigh Stepanian placed second.

The team of Brittany Theriaque, Bethany Reid, Jillian Kos, and Katie Gorman placed first in the 200-yard medley relay; and the team of Leigh Stepanian, Irena Klimczak, Allison Morris, and Angela Vinton placed third.

Jillian Kos, first in 100-yard individual medley; Katie Gorman, first, and Allison Morris, second in 50-yard freestyle; Angela Vinton, third in 50-yard butterfly; Kristyn Ward, third in 100-yard freestyle; Brittany Theriaque, first in 50-yard backstroke; Bethany Reid, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 9-10:

The team of Daniel Adamski, Michael Lalli, Laurence Roche, and Paul Lagasse placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Paul Lagasse, second in 100-yard individual medley; Daniel Adamski, first, and Laurence Roche, third in 50-yard freestyle; Paul Lagasse, first in 50-yard butterfly; Daniel Adamski, first, and Laurence Roche, third in 100-yard freestyle; Michael Lalli, first, and Joseph McGeoghan, second in 50-yard backstroke; Michael Lalli, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 11-12:

The team of Amanda Boissonnea, Heather Scarlett, Rebecca Morytko, and Kyleigh Egan placed first in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The team of Christina O'Brien, Heather Scarlett, Hilary Golas, and Rachel Morris placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Hilary Golas, first, and Kyleigh Egan, third in 200-yard individual medley; Rachel Morris, second in 200-yard freestyle; Hilary Golas, second, and Rachel Morris, third in 50-yard freestyle; Christina O'Brien, second in 50-yard butterfly; Christina O'Brien, first in 100-yard freestyle; Amanda

Boissonnea, first, and Rebecca Morytko, second in 50-yard backstroke; Heather Scarlett, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 11-12:

Nathan Adamski, second in 200-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, first in 50-yard backstroke; Joshua Lewin, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 13-14:

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Katherine Chmura, Shaunessy Egan, Melissa Sparver, and Shannon Costa placed second; and the team of Sarah Nacewicz, Katie Gallagher, Erika Dowd, and Brenna McGinn placed third.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Brenna McGinn, Shannon Costa, Shaunessy Egan, and Katherine Chmura placed second.

Melissa Sparver, third in 50-yard freestyle; Shannon Costa, third in 100-yard butterfly; Shaunessy Egan, second, and Sarah Nacewicz, third in 100-yard backstroke; Melissa Sparver, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

### Boys 13-14:

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Jeffrey Rivkin, Thomas Casiello, Matthew Francis, and Joel Ward placed second.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Joel Ward, Thomas Casiello, Jeffrey Rivkin, and Matthew Francis placed first.

Matthew Francis, third in 50-yard freestyle; Joel Ward, second in 100-yard backstroke; Thomas Casiello, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

### Girls 15-18:

Kelly Robinson, first in 200-yard individual medley; Kelly Robinson, first, in 100-yard butterfly.

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## Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—

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### Winter Is Harsh On Wildlife

This winter is not only a pain for us to get around in, but it is very harsh on the wildlife that abounds in the woodlands that surround us. The deep snow was harsh on the deer and turkeys, but twice as bad for the deer.

The remaining snow has hardened up and the deer have a tough time walking on top of it. Small animals, including dogs, do not sink down and this makes it easy for them to run down deer.

Not many people know what to do if they hit a deer with their car. The following five steps were prepared by the DFW for the unfortunate motorist.

1. If the deer is injured but not dead, you may call the Environmental Police at 1-800-632-8075 or local police to have the deer put down. This is not required by law but the motorists may want to know.

2. The driver of the vehicle has the option of taking or leaving the deer. Second option goes to any passenger in the vehicle. The driver or passenger opting to take the deer must be a Massachusetts resident.

3. The driver or passenger has up to 24 hours to tag the deer (see number 5).

4. If, and only if, the driver and all passengers waive the right to take the deer, the deer may be disposed of at the discretion of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or officers of the Division of Environmental Law Enforcement. Other state or local law enforcement officials have authority to take the deer to a disposal area. They may not keep it or transfer it to anyone else.

5. If you opt to take the deer, it must be registered with the Environmental Police (1-800-632-8075) or any of the DFW's regional offices or Field Headquarters: Connecticut Valley (413-323-7632); Western (1-413-447-9789).

#### Don't Feed Wildlife (Turkey & Deer)

Although feeding may seem like a kind thing to do, it is not a good idea. Both deer and turkeys have evolved to deal with snow in New England.

Several changes take place in deer behavior and physiology in winter that make winter-feeding unproductive. First of all, deer are ruminants with four-chambered stomachs and bacteria in their stomachs designed to digest certain types of

foods. The bacteria in the deer's stomach are not compatible with corn or commercial pellet-type feeds. Although deer will eat this food, they lose weight and may even starve.

Second of all, deer naturally move less during winter to conserve energy. Feeding deer in suburban areas will concentrate them closer to homes where they can create problems in terms of shrub damage, wander into roads (where there is less snow, thus easier walking) and be hit by vehicles, and are more likely to be chased by dogs.

Even if dogs do not kill the deer, running through deep snow wastes energy that deer cannot afford to lose. Several chases may weaken a deer to the point that it becomes susceptible to other problems like accidents or starvation because it has used up too much of its stored fat.

The bottom line, McDonald explains, is that feeding deer does not "HELP THEM OUT." It only creates future problems as deer learn to look to backyards and roadsides for food.

Turkeys will also find leftover corn and other grains around farmyards and pick undigested grains and manure spreads. It is not necessary to feed turkeys in winter. In fact, deliberate feeding may concentrate birds in particular spots which makes them more susceptible to poaching or disease.

In summary, both deer and turkeys in Massachusetts have evolved to handle winter without human intervention. It is in the best interest of both the wildlife and people to allow them to fend for themselves.

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Salt Water author Frank Daignault will speak on striper hot spots, bringing you personally to those secret bass catching holes along the coast.

Al Raychard has visited the majority of the major salt and fresh waters of the world as well as those no-name backyard ponds. He will also be at the Fly Fishing Pool and can have beginners casting within minutes and add feet to the presentations of the experts.

Ticket costs remain the same for the sixth consecutive year; \$7 for adults, \$3 for kids six to 12, and free for children under five.

Show hours are February 9th, 3:00-9:00 p.m.; February 10th, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; and February 11th, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## "Designated Pitcher" New League Forming By Sacred Heart AA

Sacred Heart Athletic Association recently announced plans for the formation of a new "Designated Pitcher League." An informational meeting will be conducted on Friday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

Newly elected SHAA President Brian Rheault emphasizes that this league will be in addition to all other existing SHAA leagues and that parents have the option of where to place their child.

In a designated pitcher league, the game is played exactly the same except that a pitching machine is used as the game's pitcher.

Rheault said the new league will be primarily an eight year-old boys' league, but there will be flexibility concerning enrollment. For example, if a parent feels their child would benefit by playing in this type of league even though they might not meet the age requirement, exceptions could be made.

"SHAA board member Fred Perry chaired a committee to investigate the benefits and feasibility of the new league. When he presented his committee's findings to our board, it received overwhelming approval," said Rheault.

Perry believes the new league eliminates a problem that has existed for many years. "To an eight year-old player, facing a well developed, hard throwing 10 year-old can be intimidating and also dangerous. Now parents have an option in deciding which level of competition they want their child to play in."

Perry said, "The key word here is 'option.' Our traditional leagues will still operate as always. In fact, we believe this will help us achieve better parity among teams throughout our organization."

Perry said the designated league provides many advantages for a young developing ballplayer. "The pitching machine throws consistent strikes and that translates into more action. There's more hitting, which means more baserunning and more fielding opportunities. Kids spend more time doing the things that they enjoy most about playing baseball. No more fear of being hit by a pitch. No more walk-a-thon games. No more games being dominated by a strong-armed 10 year-old pitcher."

Rheault says that children who are eight years-old by June 1, 1996 are eligible to play in the designated pitcher league, but to remember, "There is age flexibility."

"On Friday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. (Sacred Heart Parish Center), we will conduct an informational meeting for parents wishing to know more about the league and also answer any questions. Registration forms will also be available at this time."

"This type of league offers a unique opportunity to many players and is only available through the SHAA. I think parents will be surprised at the overall benefits of this league," concluded Rheault.

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To win the VIP race trip is simple, and anyone is eligible. First, write to Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001, "Poster Contest Request" (Attn.: Mary). Once you receive your poster, place it in a high visibility location or an unusual location with heavy exposure.

This contest is for everyone from the small businessman, to the corporate executive, to the kid next door. Once the poster is in place in the window or other high visibility location, take a photo of the location and write the poster's location on the back of the photo and send it back to Riverside.

If you cannot photograph the poster, then send the exact address and location with details. Once the photo or information is received by Riverside, this information goes into a drawing. If your photo or info is picked and the contest judges randomly go and find the poster in a high visibility display like you stated, you win the VIP trip!

Now remember, this is not just for businessmen; this contest is for everyone. Place a poster in your living room window, place one in the food store, by the timeclocks at work, in the side windows of your car, and at the bus station. Just make sure your NAME is on the back, and that you have sent the photo or information with the exact location. And make sure that once this is done, the poster remains up at your location; if it gets removed, you can't win.

Also remember that you can enter as many times with as many locations as you want; however, only one poster will be sent for each written letter. But you can write as many times as you want, thereby enabling you to put up as many posters as you want. As a result, the more posters you put up, the greater your chances of winning!

Once again, write your poster request to Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001, "Poster Contest Request" (Attn.: Mary). And make sure you send the photo or poster location information to the same address.

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## Soccer Association Thanks Riverside Park



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## Despite Injury To Ingham, Brownies Still Finish 4th At Prestigious Tournament

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Last Saturday the defending State Champion Agawam High wrestling team traveled to the City of Champions Invitational Wrestling Tournament in Brockton. It's one of the biggest meets of the wrestling season, perhaps on par with the New England Tournament held at the end of the season, according to Coach Phil Tomkiel.

But a serious back injury to All-State wrestler Andrew Ingham in the first round quickly made the day's events secondary to the deep concern for their teammate. The Brownies placed fourth overall in a field that included some of the best teams in all of Massachusetts and the state champs from New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

The Brownies were doing well in their first round matches. Kevin McKay won in the 109's. Justin Aldrich showed well in the 112's. Chris Chechile and Ryan Grealis won their matches in the 125 and 130-pound class, respectively. Jason Jean was a winner in the 140's, and Dan Dialessi grabbed a win in the 145's.

Then came the 171-pound match where Ingham

went down with what was later diagnosed as a compression fracture of the 12 thoracic and first lumbar vertebrae.

As they watched their teammate down on the mat and then taken to the hospital on a stretcher, the shaken Brownies continued in the event but were obviously off their game as the day wore on and the news on Ingham's condition became available.

The Brownies did have three wrestlers in the finals - Jean, Jon Jacobsen, and Derek Parker. All three lost. "It was the first time that I can remember that we didn't have a champion in this tournament," said Tomkiel. "But I can understand it completely."

He added, "We did get a chance to see who we might meet if we get to the state finals," Tomkiel observed. "I think we can handle all of the Massachusetts teams. And under different circumstances I feel we would have finished second."

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Hampshire United	0	1	0	0
Westfield	0	1	0	0
Agawam/Hearn	0	1	0	0

U-12 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Tube Products	2	0	0	4
Berzerkers	1	0	0	2
Revolution	1	0	0	2
Agawam Intown	0	1	1	1
Blue Devils	0	0	1	1
Agawam Express	0	1	0	0
Agawam Vipers	0	2	0	0

U-12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Agawam	1	0	0	2
Berkshire	1	0	0	2
Holyoke	0	1	0	0
Longmeadow	0	1	0	0

U-17 BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION	W	L	T	P
Holyoke S.C. Green	1	0	1	3
Agawam Intown	1	1	0	2
Milne El Fuego	1	1	0	2
Agawam Juniors	0	1	1	1
Holyoke S.C. Gray	0	2	0	0
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## Tri-Parish Bowlers Resume Second Round; St. Anselm's Still Round Leader

After many Monday holidays and a snowstorm, the Tri-Parish Bowling League is once again competing hot and heavy at the Agawam Bowl but one team, Georgetown, has dropped out with several of its rollers going to other teams. And now the league has nine teams instead of 10. Holding first place in Round Two is St. Anselm with 19 wins.

St. A's faced second place Boston College (16 wins). This was a close match with each team sporting two rollers in the winner's circle. For BC, leadoff DAVE ALDRICH (282) and third roller J. ALLEN (319, best score of the match) each were victorious while TERRY HILL (272) and Captain "Luscious" LOU MULDER (306) helped their team. "Lucious" sports an average of 110.40, good for second place in the Open Class. He defeated none other than "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (305) in a very close match. "Jungle" Jim is second in Men's AA at 103.40. Dave Aldrich is the leader in Men's C at 86.10.

In the next match, fourth place St. Louis (15 wins) faced eighth place Holy Cross (7 wins). St. Lou winners were AUDREY PHILLIPS (289, 85.0 in Women's C) and KIM LACROIX (274-273 over JOHN MLINEK). Kim is first in Women's B at 92.12. HC winners were third roller SUE GRIFFIN (297, third in Women's AA at 99.25) and new Captain DEBBIE POIRIER, who had a good match in defeating St. Lou Captain GLEN ADAMS, 348-325. Debbie is third in the Open Class at 105.10 and is

the second leading women's roller in the league. Mr. Adams is the top dog in Men's AA at 107.5.

St. Michael's (last place/6½ wins) was the bye team this week and the scores are as follows: JAY LAGODITZ (258), MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (298), VI MASSOIA (266), and anchor-man "Sweet" LOU MASSOIA (315), who is our famous member of the Agawam School Committee.

In the next match, third place Catholic University (16 wins) faced seventh place Fordham (7 wins). CU winners were T. VOGEL (244) and third roller TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (285). T. Vogel rolls at 75.16 in Women's C while "Not Tony" Curtis is third in Men's AA at 103.1.

For Fordham, winners were COREY NAPOLITAN (311, good night for Corey, 96.9 in Women's A), and Captain "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER, the top dog in the entire league (337, 111.6). "Jollie" defeated CU Captain BILL GRIF-FIN (311, 99.34 in Men's AA).

In the final match of the night, St. Mary's (6th place/10.5 wins) faced fifth place Notre Dame (14 wins). ND was hot on this night with three strong winners - BILL ALDRICH (307), DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (328, 100.3 in Men's A), and Captain FLO ROCHFORD (a very strong 348, top women's roller at 106.26). The lone winner for St. Mary's was leadoff RITA SCOTT (263, 83.30 in Women's C).

## Fast Pitch Softball Clinic By Parks Dept.

The Agawam Recreation Department will offer a Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Clinic beginning February 2nd at the Agawam Middle School from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

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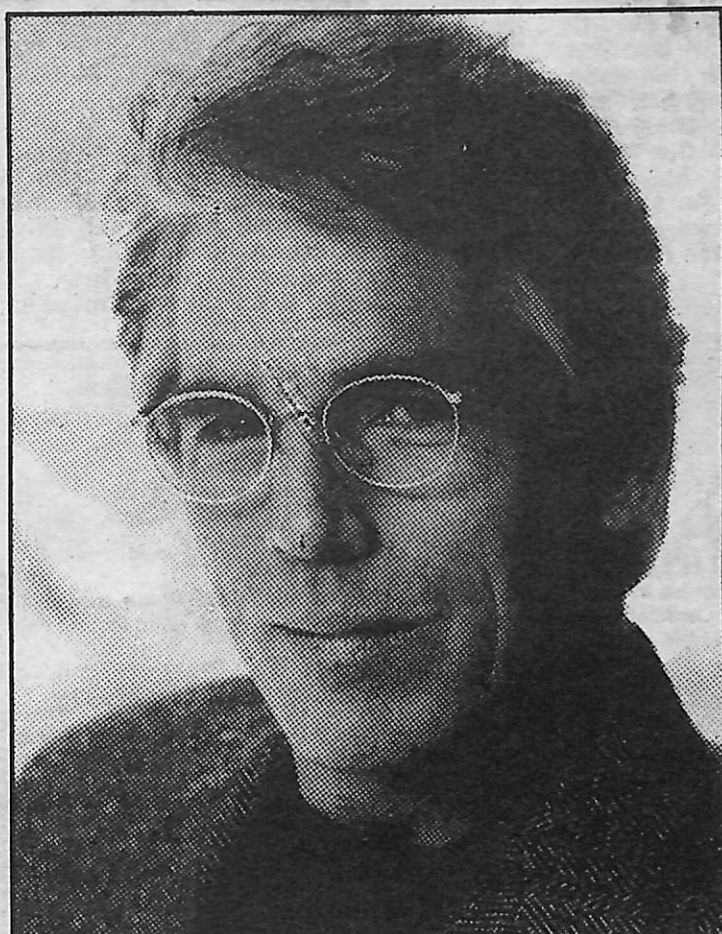
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## Results Of Latest Races By Girls' Ski Team

The Agawam High School girls' ski team raced in two Slalom races last week. The first one, on Tuesday, was a make-up for the Tuesday past. The race on Thursday was a regularly scheduled event.

After starting the season in first place, the team had a bit of a slide, back to two third place finishes. This has been hard for the girls to take, and they are intent on retaking the top spot in division.

Coach Graveline is secure in the knowledge that the ladies can follow through on this quest, due to an abundance of talent they possess. The ladies have also been putting in a great deal of time on the hill, in hopes this will pay off.

The times achieved on Tuesday's Slalom were as follows:

Kelly Grover, 47.63; Jill Pavelcsyk, 51.47; Gina Markowski, 52.10; Jessica Ferris, 52.16; Bridget Blum, 53.55; Jen Quigley, 55.59; Meagan Moriarty, D.N.F.; Angela Tassinari, D.N.F.

The Junior Varsity results were as follows: Beckie Mutti, 35.25; Michelle Clauson, 38.09; Aimee Devall, 41.31; Jen Thibodeau, D.N.F.

This was the first race for the season for Michelle Clauson, and she turned in a very good time.

The second race of the week was on Thursday and it was also a Slalom event. The results of this race were also the same, the team placed third. The times finished were as follows:

Kelly Grover, 50.13; Jody Bulat, 51.70; Gina Markowski, 55.04; Bridget Blum, 55.62; Jen Quigley, 56.00; Jessica Ferris, 56.93; Jill Pavelcsyk, D.N.F.; Meagan Moriarty, D.N.F.

The Junior Varsity results were: Angela Tassinari, 34.19; Jen Thibodeau, 36.38; Beckie Mutti, 37.65; Aimee Devall, 45.01.

Kelly Grover placed in the top 10 for both Tuesday and Thursday, making her 4-4 this season. Placing in the top 10 also for Tuesday was Jill Pavelcsyk, and on Thursday, Jody Bulat placed in the top 10 for her second time this season.

There are two other ladies getting very close to the top 10 each week. They are Bridget Blum and Gina Markowski, both of whom Coach Graveline expects to break the top 10 mark before the season is out.

Aimee Devall, Jen Thibodeau, and Beckie Mutti continue to improve their standings on the J.V. scene, and are working hard to break into the varsity order before the season's end.

This week coming, the girls will be racing on the G.S. course. If the snow holds, we expect to see improvement in all areas.

The girls' team would like to express its appreciation for the parental support both on the hill and in the parents' group work. It's very nice to look out and see several parents suffering through the cold so they may cheer the team on.

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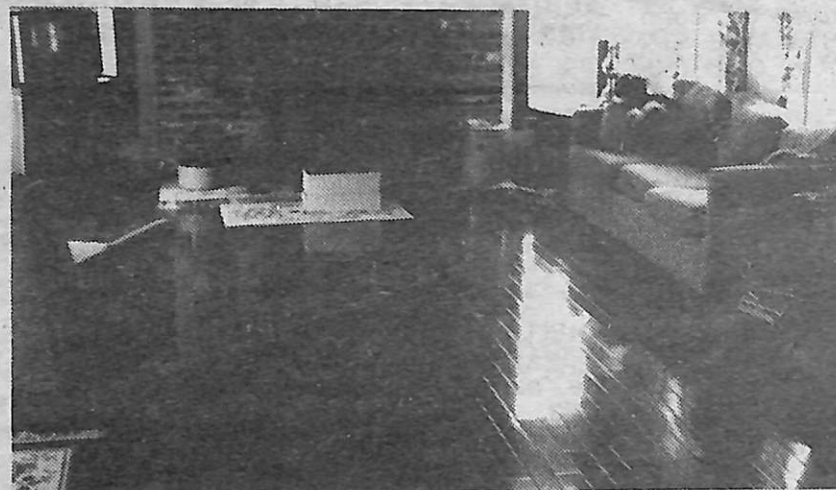
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